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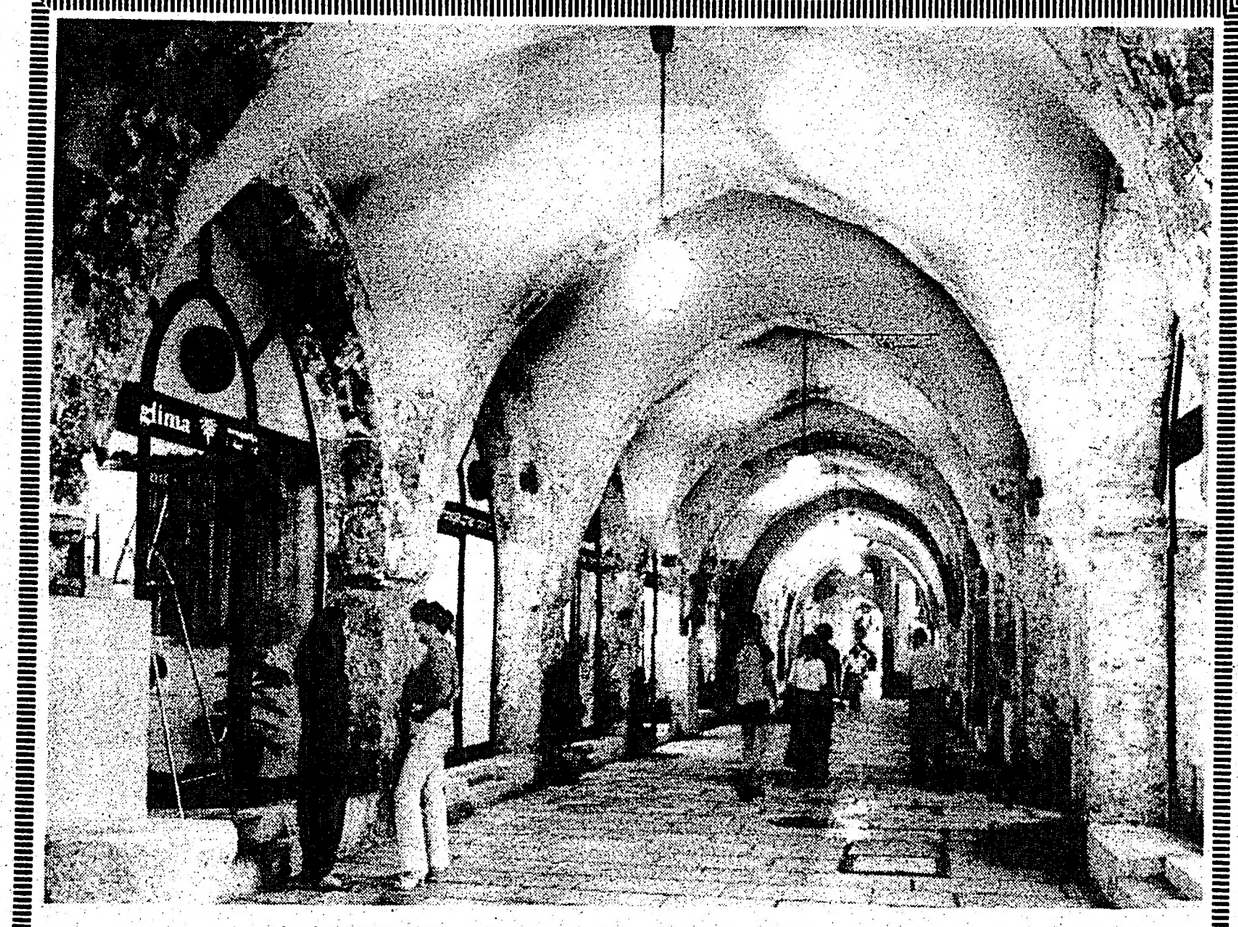

THE OLDER THE BETTER

Recent archeological digs in the Old City of Jerusalem have uncovered the main thoroughfare and commercial centre of the city during Roman times, the CARDO. Excavated and restored after 2,000 years, it is again a major shopping centre.

Arafat huddles with Mubarak

Mission to Egypt shocks Arabs, Israelis

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Yasser Arafat, having been ousted from Lebanon for the second time in 16 months, sent his critics reeling last week as he embraced Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Cairo and apparently got set to resume negotiations with King Hussein of Jordan over President Ronald Reagan's 1982 peace plan.

Expelled from Tripoli by pro-Syrian Palestinian rebels who drove Arafat and 4,000 of his men out of their last strongholds in Lebanon, the PLO chairman surprised his Arab and Israeli foes by visiting Egypt.

Arafat, who sailed out of Tripoli without his heavy arms and just within a deadline set by Palestinian dissidents opposed to his tactics and leadership, was met in Ismailia by Egypt's prime minister and ferried by helicopter to the capital to meet Mubarak.

As The Canadian Jewish News went to press on Dec. 22, there was no word about their meeting. But Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, expressed "shock and astonishment."

Hours earlier, Syria denounced the evacuation by saying it was part of a plot to induce Arafat to meet "agents of an American solution to the Middle East."

As Arafat left Tripoli aboard one of five chartered Greek ships flying the colors of Greece, the United Nations and the Palestinian national movement, Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali delivered a letter from Mubarak to President Reagan at the White House.

In his letter, Mubarak — who has called for simultaneous Israeli-PLO mutual recognition — expressed concern about the stalemate in the Middle East peace process and urged that ways be found to "energize" it.

Ali stressed Egypt's commitment to the Camp David process — which now lies in a dormant state — and to Reagan's proposals, which envisage an association between Jordan and the Palestinians of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, and a moratorium on the building of new Israeli settlements.

In a significant statement, Ali told Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz that the U.S. peace initiative could only be effective if Jordan participates.

The Egyptian minister said he has sought to convince the PLO to give Jordan the authority to represent the Palestinians at talks with Israel. Egypt believes that a new opportunity for negotiations has arisen with the expulsion of Arafat from Lebanon.

Arafat and King Hussein discussed the applicability of the Reagan plan for six months. When Arafat failed to persuade hardliners within the PLO to consider the President's ideas, the talks collapsed and the Jordanian monarch said bitterly that the Palestinians were now

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Boost in pay helps Israelis

TEL AVIV [JTA] —

Israeli wage earners are getting a 17.9% interim cost-of-living allowance this week under an agreement signed by Histadrut and the Employers Association. The advance, to ease the shock of record inflation in the last two months will be followed by the regular COL increment of nearly 50% due in January salaries.

The agreement averted a threatened series of wildcat strikes (CJN Dec. 22) in most branches of the economy. It was signed last week after a day of protest rallies at some 300 factories all over the country.

The last COL allowance was wiped out by the 21.1% rise in living costs in October followed by a 15.2% rise in November.

However, the agreement brought no relief to Israeli merchants engaged in the import-export trades or to citrus growers. Longshoremen at Haifa and Ashdod (as of Dec. 22) were continuing their work slowdown which has caused thousands of tons of produce to rot on the docks.

To counteract this, the business community, government representatives and the port authorities created a special fund to finance the shipment of cargoes by air.

Shipowners, reluctant to send their vessels into ports where they may be forced to lie at anchor for weeks or even months, have dumped Israel-bound cargoes in Cyprus and Greece.

Resolutions add "fuel to fire"

Israel angered by UN move

NEW YORK [JTA] —

The United Nations General Assembly last week adopted five anti-Israel resolutions, calling for sanctions against the Jewish state and denouncing the recent agreement between Israel and the United States on closer strategic cooperation.

Yehuda Blum, Israel's ambassador to the UN, condemned the resolutions, charging that "instead of defusing tension and promoting reconciliation," the resolutions add more fuel to the fire of the Mideast conflict.

Blum said, in his remarks to the Assembly, that the resolutions, instead of calling for negotiations and conciliation, "they grotesquely call on states to refrain from supplying Israel — the intended victim of Arab aggression — with the necessary means of defence."

Congressman Stephen Solarz, of New York, a member of the U.S. delegation to the Assembly, said after the votes that "these resolutions will do nothing to further the cause of peace."

One resolution stated that the new American-Israeli accord "will increase Israel's intransigence and its war potential and escalate its annexationist policies in the Palestinian and other Arab territories occupied since 1967." The resolution was approved by a vote of 81-27 with 29 abstentions. The U.S., Israel and West European countries voted against it.

Another resolution condemned the "increasing collaboration" between Israel and South Africa, especially in the nuclear field, which, the resolution stated, enabled Israel to subject the states of the Mideast to "nuclear blackmail." The vote on this resolution was 101-18, with 20 abstentions.

One resolution called for sanctions against Israel and demanded that all countries refrain from giving arms or economic aid to Israel, and urged all states to cut diplomatic ties with Israel. The vote was 84-24 and 31 abstentions.

By a vote of 137 in favor, with only Israel voting against, the Assembly adopted another resolution declaring that Israel's decision to impose its laws, jurisdiction and administration on Jerusalem was null and void. The U.S., Guatemala and Dominican Republic abstained on this resolution.

The final resolution adopted by the Assembly by a vote of 121-1 (Israel) and 20 abstentions, condemned Israel's "plundering" of Palestinian cultural property during its occupation of Beirut, and called on Israel to make full restitution of all such property through the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

When Blum spoke during the session, the representatives of Iraq, Iran and Libya repeatedly interrupted his speech, referring to him as the representative of the "Zionist entity." Iran accused Blum of using "polluted rhetoric" in the service of "filthy American imperialism."

Canada supports Israel on 3-out-of-5 votes

NEW YORK —

Canada voted with Israel on three of the five UN resolutions critical of Israel, the external affairs department reports.

• Canada voted with the majority on a resolution declaring that Israel's decision to impose its laws, jurisdiction and administration on Jerusalem was null and void. [Last year, Canada also supported this resolution].

• The Canadian delegate abstained on a resolution condemning Israel's "plundering" of Palestinian cultural property during its 1982 occupation of West Beirut.

In 1982, Canada voted in favor of a similar resolution, and abstained this year because the Israeli government recently returned historical archives it took from the PLO.

Increase in immigrants from Western countries

JERUSALEM [JTA] —

Western countries now account for the bulk of immigrants arriving in Israel. Aliya from the Soviet Union is at its lowest ebb and immigration from Romania is also down.

This information was released last week by Yehuda Dominitz, director - general of the Jewish Agency's immigration and absorption department.

But there are serious problems. As many as 40% of single olim from the West return home because of absorption difficulties — mainly in finding housing. This was disclosed recently by Leon Dulzin, chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization, at a meeting with representatives of the immigrants' associations in Israel — a meeting described as "stormy."

Dominitz, addressing a seminar for the directors of absorption centres and immigrant hostels, stressed the significant rise in immigration. Some 15,028 olim arrived from January through November this year, compared to 12,200 in the same period in 1982. Of this year's number, 10,527 came from the West compared to 8,160 in the same period last year.

The number of American immigrants, he said, rose by 30% — 3,157 from January to November, 1983 against 2,438 in the same period in 1982. Aliya from France totaled 1,952 through November compared with 1,506 in 1982.

Dominitz said the trend shows signs of continuing. In November of this year arrivals numbered 1,174 (up slightly from November of 1982). Of that number 704 were from the West and the rest from Asia, Africa and Eastern Europe.

Safe... at last

NEW YORK [JTA] —

Long term Refusenik Eitan Finkelstein arrived recently in Israel, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry [NCSJ] reported here last week.

Finkelstein, a physicist from Vilna, had been waiting for permission to immigrate to Israel since 1971. He arrived in Israel with his wife Alexandra and his 9-year-old daughter Miriam.

World-National

Year ends with good, bad news

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

On the whole the news during the departing calendar year has not been too good as far as Israel was concerned. To be sure, there was the accord with the United States, but as I pointed out previously it is likely to turn out to be less than an unalloyed blessing.

Rabbi Plaut

Terrorist attacks have taken a continuing toll in Israel and its troops still have not come home from Lebanon. Egypt persists in its defiance of the Camp David Accords by withholding its ambassador and preventing any further normalization. Israel's economy struggles with triple digit inflation.

But there is good news too.

On the diplomatic front Israel is beginning to break through the walls of isolation that have encapsuled it since 1967. It is finding re-entry into African states and it may be assumed that diplomatic relations will be established in the near future with a number of them.

Spain, too, is finally coming round to a full recognition of Israel. World Jewish Congress president Edgar Bronfman met with Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez, who told him at a private meeting at Moncloa Palace that it was his decision to establish full diplomatic relations and that he would abide by previously made commitments. No pressure from any quarter, said Gonzalez, would influence the manner and timing of his decision.

Meanwhile, the major Spanish dailies headlined the meeting of the two men as "historic" and featured it on their front pages.

Meeting with Jewish leaders Bronfman said: "In this place associated with the golden age of Jewish history we are again in a time in which Jewish creativity, accomplishment and recognition are such as to rival that classical golden age of our history."

That, of course, was quite an exaggeration. Re-establishing a Jewish community and diplomatic relations with Israel do not equal the time of Maimonides, Yehuda Halevi or Solomon ibn Gabirol.

It was no surprise that Yasser Arafat would strongly object to the Spanish announcement. He continued to express his hope that Spain would not recognize Israel, citing the "understanding shown for the Palestinian cause by the Spanish people." Arafat was reacting not only to Bronfman's meeting with Gonzalez but also to a statement made by the Spanish foreign minister, Fernando Moran, who, after meeting with Secretary of State George Shultz, announced that Spain would shortly establish full diplomatic relations with Israel.

There is finally another front on which the news is good. In a lead article of the November issue of Midstream, a monthly Jewish review published by the Theodore Herzl Foundation, Benjamin Rubin published an article entitled "The Quiet Revolution in Israel's Economy." Rubin is a former Canadian who recently served as managing editor of the Jerusalem-based journal Israel Economist. In his article Rubin describes the enormous advances which Israel's electronic industries have made. In some instances they have become world leaders, outpacing even the United States and Japan. This aside from Israel's expertise in manufacturing up-to-date arms, which in an unforeseen way contributed not only to Israel's military strength but also to its export balance.

But hopefully the future will not lie here. Rather, it will be in what Rubin describes as the core of Israel's strength: its brainpower. He notes the accomplishments of companies of which I had never heard, whose export balances are of large proportions.

Israel has indeed come a long way since the time when its economy was based on Jaffa oranges, tourism and philanthropy. That time is gone and with it a transformation of the social and even demographic structure of the land has taken place. It is a side of Israel's development that is rarely reported. The news media may not be interested, but we are and find in it encouraging news at the end of 1983.

Faces tough resistance

Israel tries to win Shiite loyalty

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Troops from Maj. Saad Haddad's militia practice drill. [IPPA photo]

Israel wants to win hearts and minds among the Shiite Moslems of southern Lebanon, but the effort is running into resistance.

Faced with the problem of mounting terrorism, the Israelis are trying to woo Shiites into local militias designed to combat hostile forces, some of which have recruited Shiites.

The Shiites are targeted by Israel because they form the majority of the population in the south, and because of their history of resentment against pre-1982 PLO attempts to establish military bases in that part of Lebanon.

Prior to Israel's invasion, the Shiites grew to resent the PLO — and the Palestinians who supported it — because its raids on Israeli settlements in the Galilee prompted Israeli retaliation. More often than not, Shiite lives and property were affected by this cycle of violence.

In the immediate months before Israel invaded Lebanon, battles broke out between Amal — the main, Beirut-based Shiite militia — and the PLO.

Amal, while essentially sympathetic to the Palestinian cause, was upset by Israel's air and land attacks. When the PLO refused to move its bases out of southern Lebanon, the stage was set for Amal-PLO clashes.

Israel's destruction of the PLO's military infrastructure was greeted by the Shiites with some relief because they felt they would be able to live normally again. Hoping to capitalize on this widespread sentiment, Israel began to cultivate relations with these Moslems.

The Israelis hoped to win their loyalty and then to funnel their men into militias which they would finance, train and presumably protect. It was assumed that these militias would perform the same function as Major Saad Haddad's mixed Moslem-Christian force — the interdiction of Palestinian and Lebanese elements bent on disrupting daily life and attacking frontier settlements in Israel.

In Israel's estimation, Shiite militias would be particularly useful after its withdrawal from Lebanon.

Israel has made some headway in establishing Shiite militias and gaining their group loyalty. But its policy has been far from a smashing success, mainly because the Shiite leadership — which tends to be pro-Iranian — feels that Israel has worn out its welcome.

Shiite religious and political dignitaries have urged Israel to withdraw, and Nabi Berri — the leading Shiite figure in Beirut — has advised his fellow Shiites not to cooperate with Israelis.

Those Shiites who might have been encouraged to form ties with Israel have been all but scared off by a reign of terror which has erupted in southern Lebanon. Earlier this month, Abu Sateh, the commander of one of the largest Shiite militias backed by Israel, disbanded the group and pledged to give his support to Amal.

Abu Sateh, no doubt, was frightened by the climate of fear, created by assassins who have gone after pro-Israel Shiites.

- Early in October, the PLO claimed responsibility for the car-bomb death of Hussein Wahbe, who commanded the Shiite Brigade of the South, a 270-man unit. The PLO said the slaying was carried out to eliminate "traitors."
- The following month, Ahmed Salim, head of the Shiite militia in Nabatiye, was slain by unidentified gunmen in the centre of town.
- Soon afterwards Khatam Abari, who led the Shiite civil guard in the village of Kharouf, was critically wounded. The assassin escaped.

The Israeli army has also been the target of attackers.

It is believed that Shiite guerrillas have been involved in some of the ambushes that have claimed the lives of scores of Israeli troops since the war in Lebanon wound down.

These hit-and-run raids against Israeli convoys have become almost a daily occurrence.

Evidence suggests that pro-Iranian Shiites planned and executed the truck-bombing of an Israeli command post in Tyre last November — a blast which killed 29 Israelis and 32 Arabs. By the way of retaliation, the Israeli air force bombed Shiite camps in central Lebanon, an unprecedented action.

This bombing, combined with an incident which happened on Oct. 16, has not endeared Israel to the Shiites.

The incident in question took place in Nabatiye, a market town where the PLO used to be strong. On that day, when 10,000 Shiites were commemorating the death of Hussein, a Shiite saint, an Israeli convoy entered Nabatiye, even though all military personnel had been explicitly ordered to stay clear.

People in the crowd threw rocks at the Israelis, who apparently opened fire, killing one civilian and wounding 10. In the ensuing riot, eight Israelis were hurt and two Israeli jeeps were burned. A curfew was declared, and that night, the deputy president of the Shiite Supreme Council, in Beirut, called on Shiites under Israeli rule to engage in active civil resistance against Israel, and to end all contact with the State of Israel.

In a symbolic act of defiance, Shiites destroyed six shops in Nabatiye that had openly stocked Israeli fruits and vegetables. In a sense, the rampage was premeditated, Shiite merchants having complained that Israeli exports were undercutting their business.

Israel also offended the Shiites by regulating traffic across the Awali River bridges in the aftermath of the Tyre explosion. Shiites claim that the new regulations, which have gone into effect to cut down on terrorism, are hurting commerce and isolating the people of southern Lebanon.

In a bid to mollify the Shiites, the Israelis have reportedly asked their chief Arab proxy in the south, Haddad — a Greek Orthodox Lebanese — to shift his men away from heavily Shiite regions and to transfer them to his redoubt around the village of Marjayoun, where he is well received by locals.

Israel believes, rightly or wrongly, that Haddad's obtrusive presence in Shiite localities is a source of unnecessary friction.

The Israelis are banking on the assumption that Haddad's compliance with this request will help ease tensions with the Shiite community. It could, but the other problems would not necessarily vanish.

Song festival Jan. 28

MONTREAL —

A total of $2,000 in prizes will be awarded at the World Jewish Song Festival to be held at the Snowdon YM-YWHA Grover Auditorium in Montreal Jan. 28.

Twelve songs have been selected from nearly 300 entries submitted by songwriters from Canada, the United States, France, England, Romania, Belgium, South Africa, Uruguay, Australia and Israel.

The annual contest is sponsored by the Jacobson Foundation from Jewish Culture of Halifax and produced by Hilda and Peter Smolash of Montreal.

All 12 songs will be performed at the festival and a panel of judges will choose the best four. First prize is $1,000 and a trophy; second prize, $500; third prize, $300; and fourth prize, $200.

Finalists from France, England, Arizona, Ottawa and Toronto plan to attend the concert and perform their own songs. They will be accompanied by a 12-piece orchestra directed by Peter Sipos.

The judges are Joseph Milo, musical director of Congregation Shaar Hashomayim; James Dahan, director of the Centre Communautaire Juif; Daniel Pe'er (chief advisor of the festival), emissary to the Jewish National Fund and former emcee of the Israel Song Festival; Israeli Consul Yitzhak Eldan; Gazette entertainment columnist and broadcaster Thomas Schnurmacher; Dora Wasserman, director of the Yiddish Theatre; Rabbi Meyer Krentzman, executive director of the Jewish Education Council of Greater Montreal; Harry Gulkin, director of the Saidye Bronfman Centre; and Shmuel Haramati, education shaliach at the Canadian Zionist Federation.

A past first prize winner, television producer Batsheva Paul of Toronto, will be coming to the festival to cover it. A record of the 1982 song festival is now available through the Quebec Israeli Folk Arts Council.

This is the fourth consecutive year of the contest which accepts any type of original composition on a Jewish theme in English, French, Hebrew, Yiddish or Ladino.

Tickets are on sale at Rodal's and Cafe Cote Jardin.

Additional funds for the festival were raised this year through a lottery; the first prize, a trip to Israel courtesy of El Al, was won by Gita Ausch.

World-National

They start by learning Hebrew and French

Students aren't suffering from language switch

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —
After a 7-year study, two McGill University psychology professors have concluded that the English and general academic achievement of anglophone Jewish children is not adversely affected when the languages of instruction in the first few years of day school is in French and Hebrew only.

But, "for reasons not yet known," the authors of the study have found that including English, as well as French and Hebrew, in the early elementary grades had the effect of hampering the development of skills in either second language.

Profs. Fred Genesee and W. E. Lambert recently published the results of their study of trilingual education at the Hebrew Foundation School and Solomon Schechter Academy between 1974-81. Their research was made possible by grants from the Office of the Secretary of State and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council.

The purpose was to compare the results with their earlier studies of English-speaking children in French only immersion programs in Quebec public schools.

It was found that the proficiency in French of the Jewish day school students in double [French and Hebrew] immersion programs was as good as that of students in French only immersion, despite fewer hours of exposure to the language. Their French was better than that of students receiving the normal level of French instruction offered in the public schools.

The students receiving English in the primary grades tended to be less proficient in both French and Hebrew.

Both groups of day school students had similar scores in English and mathematics tests, whether they had received instruction in two or three languages in the early grades.

"It is concluded that double immersion, especially if begun early, can be an effective means for English-speaking children to acquire functional proficiency in two non-native languages and that instruction in the first language in the beginning of the program has no long-term benefits to first-language development but may slow down second-language learning," the study says.

Genesee and Lambert tested three classes, from kindergarten through grade 5, at Hebrew Foundation School and at the two branches of Solomon Schechter Academy.

Hebrew Foundation and one of the Solomon Schechter schools had early double immersions programs, that is, French and Hebrew were the only languages of instruction from kindergarten to grade 3 in one case and grade 4 in the other. The other Solomon Schechter branch included English from kindergarten with much less time allotted to French and somewhat less Hebrew than the other two classes.

By grade 5, the first two classes had 6½ or 7½ hours of English per week and the third had nine hours, and French instruction averaged 14½ or 15 hours and 12 hours per week, respectively. The number of hours devoted to Hebrew was similar in all three classes, about 13 hours.

The day school classes were compared to children of the same average IQ, sample size and sex comparisons enrolled in French immersion programs from kindergarten through grade 2 and to those being taught French as a second language for 2½-3 hours per week.

The students receiving trilingual instruction in the early grades did not do as well in French tests as those in Hebrew-French or French-only immersion programs. They did fare better, though, than children in regular school programs.

These students also scored "significantly lower" on most Hebrew tests compared to the other day school classes, particularly in oral grammar and communication.

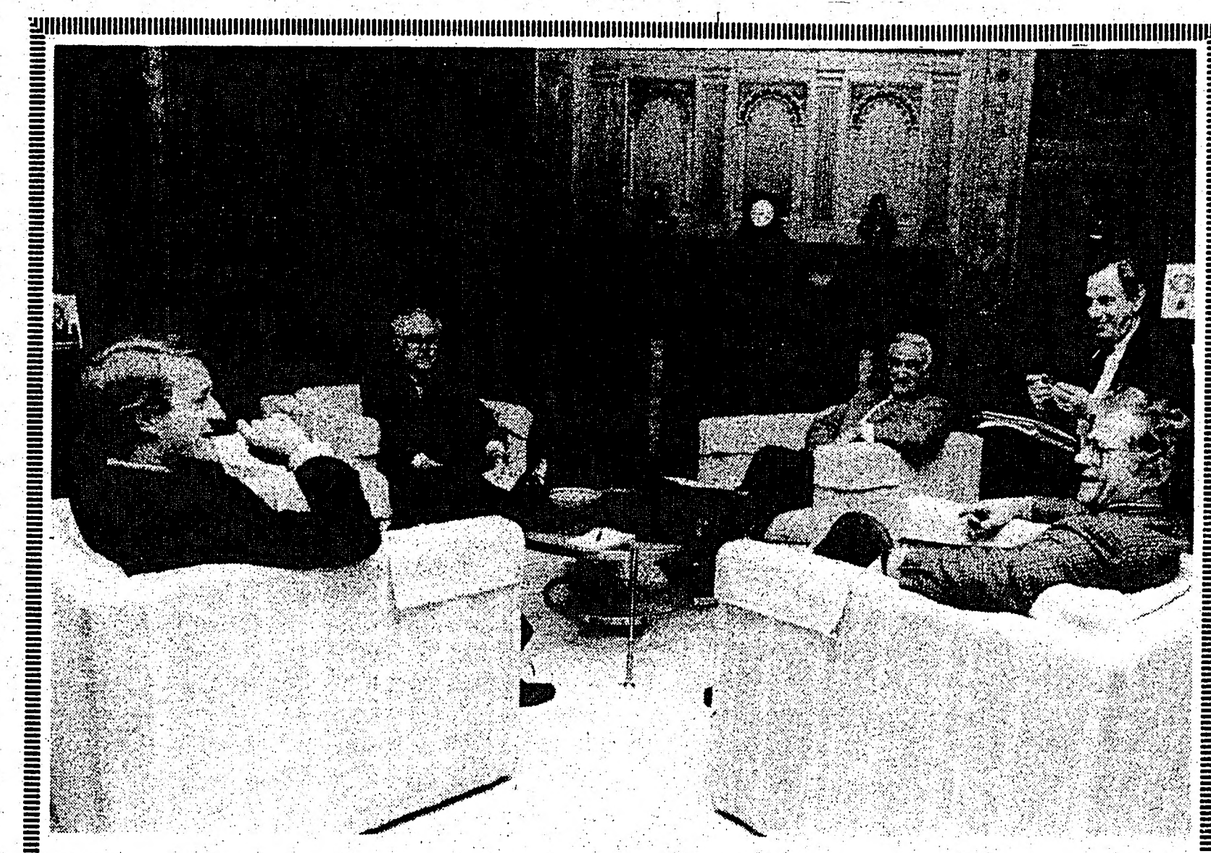
In the English tests, the day and public school students all had similar results. The day school children who had not received English until grade 3 or 4 actually scored at least one full year above their actual grade level in English by grade 5.

"There is no evidence," says the study, "that postponing English language instruction until grade 4 . . . has detrimental effects on English language development assessed at the end of grade 5. Nor does it appear that it is detrimental to maintain reduced English language instruction once it is introduced" as was the case at two of the day school classes involved.

General academic achievement, which was measured by ability in mathematics, was found to be at or above grade level for all three day school classes by grade 5, regardless of whether they had studied math in English or French in the primary grades.

Genesee and Lambert suggest that learning second and third languages may not be much harder than mastering only one for children in the first few years of school. Therefore, being immersed in Hebrew may have given the children the skills to learn French more easily, and vice versa.

Early English instruction appears to interfere with acquiring skills in a second language because the children will continue to rely on their first language, the study indicates.



POLITICAL PARLEY

Officials of Canadian Jewish Congress met recently with Progressive Conservative leader Brian Mulroney [CJN Dec. 22]. From left are Mulroney, Ralph Fisher, Bernard Finestone, Alan Rose and Milton Harris.

NCJW begins program focusing on health

TORONTO —
The National Council of Jewish Women of Canada has launched a new education program, "Focus on Women in Health."

The program was announced at a recent national meeting in Toronto attended by 50 officers, executives and leaders from 55 sections and branches of NCJW across Canada.

Topics to be discussed in the program, which is aimed at all women in the community whether or not they are members of Council, include unnecessary surgery, premenstrual syndrome, menopause, and cancer.

Bunny Gurvey, the national president, reported on the participation of the Council in the second national conference on aging held recently in Ottawa under the aegis of the federal government. NCJW has been active in the field of community service to the aging since 1940.

Newly appointed executive director Eleanor Appleby gave the delegates an overview of the history of the Council and outlined her thoughts for future action on membership expansion, public visibility and fund raising.

In a working session on Soviet Jewry, delegates wrote letters to members of parliament and to the Prime Minister.

Ronnee Alter of London, Ont. was installed as national vice-president and Carolyn Libin of Calgary as national recording secretary. Ruth Campbell was appointed councillor representing Vancouver.

Gilda Jubas, Betty Stone and Eleanor Appleby led workshops on fund raising and membership, with Sheila Freeman, Helen Marr, Bunny Gurvey and Marjorie Blankstein as resource persons.

Daily chapters

The daily chapters in the international 3-year Bible reading cycle of the World Jewish Bible Society and the Jewish Agency are, for this week:

For Thursday, Dec. 29, Ezekiel 16; Friday, Exodus 6:2-9:35 (Vayera); Shabbat, Ezekiel 28:25-29:21 (haftorah); Sunday, Ezekiel 17; Monday, Ezekiel 18; Tuesday, Ezekiel 19; Wednesday, Ezekiel 20.

A schedule of the current 3-year cycle, which ends in 1985, is available free of charge from the World Jewish Bible Society, POB 7024, Jerusalem.

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Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: In halacha, do we feel something for those who have erred, and do we feel deeply enough to find a way for them?

A look at the sources will show that the men who administer our laws have more than ice-water flowing in their veins.

The shochet, or ritual slaughter must always be subordinate to the rabbi, and whenever the rabbi comes on inspection tours, the shochet must show his challaf for examination. In Tractate Chullin, 18A, we are told what happened when this rule was broken. "There was a case of a slaughterer who did not present his knife for examination to Raba bar Hinena. The latter thereupon put him under the ban, removed him from his vocation, and announced publicly that his meat was trefa."

Rabbi Burak

However, when two great scholars happened to pass through the city during their journey, and made a courtesy call on the Rav, our harsh judge said these words to them: "Would you masters look into this case, for there are small children dependent upon him." The masters examined the knife, found it satisfactory, and had the man restored to his office in order that his children would not go hungry.

The possibility of some family going hungry on the Sabbath would bring on a relaxation of the laws of kashruth. So, there are instances in the law when food which would not be considered kosher during the week — due to some mistake in the preparation — would be considered kosher if the error took place on Friday, and other supplies are inadequate.

So, too, if you have guests coming for dinner, and the supplies will be inadequate, we do not apply the full rigor of the law. Both these matters are discussed in the Code, Y. D. Chapter 68:11, and 69:11 where the honor of the Sabbath and the honor due hungry visitors are given equal consideration. Rabbi Ephraim Zalman Margolios z. l. in his gloss on this has quite a statement on the humiliation experienced by the host when his table is inadequate for his hungry guests.

When it came to handing out punishment, the rabbinical courts showed regard for women. Even when the courts had the power to flagellate an unfortunate offender, the Darke Teshuva, on Y. D. Chapter 64:144 cites these words from the responsa Chut ha-Shanni: "I have never seen fit to administer flagellation to women, even though men and women are equal under the law for all punishments. Still and all, the stripes we give are not of the Torah, so we do not stripe women."

Our Sages, in all generations, extended themselves on behalf of unfortunate people. Whilst upholding the sacrifices of a man's word, when they saw what gambling could do to the Jewish home, they would not uphold the sacredness of a promise to pay one's gambling debts. Rabbenu Asher in his responsa, Kelal 66:8, ruled that gambling debts are not collectible in court.

Jersey City adopts village

NEW YORK [JTA] —

In an unprecedented act of support for Jewish settlements in Judea and Samaria, a major American city has "adopted" a Jewish village in the West Bank and announced plans to initiate a series of cultural and economic programs with that community.

Mayor Gerald McCann of Jersey City, NJ officially proclaimed his city's decision to "twin" with the settlement of Tekoah, a community affiliated with the Etzion bloc in the hills of Judea, in an address to the Herut Forum, sponsored by the Herut Zionists of America.

In his formal announcement, McCann said the people of Jersey City "admire the heroism of the pioneers who established Tekoah" and "adopt" that community as "our twin city with the hope and intention that we shall enjoy a mutually beneficial relationship built on the exchange and sharing of human resources in pursuit of the common values of America and Israel."

B'nai B'rith claims U.S. spy agency hired convicted Nazi war criminal

NEW YORK [JTA] —

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith last week revealed that U.S. Army Counter-Intelligence Corps [CIC] employed a Nazi war criminal convicted by a Belgian military court of 67 war crimes, including the torture of two U.S. Army pilots.

Referring to it as a "second Barbie case," the ADL identified the man as Robert Jan Verbelen, a 72-year-old Belgian now living in Vienna, where he frequently speaks before pro-Nazi groups.

The ADL has asked U.S. Attorney-General William French Smith to arrange for a thorough investigation of the case, noting that it follows by four months the justice department's confirmation that Klaus Barbie, known as the "butcher of Lyons," had been hired by the CIC, despite his war crime record.

According to the ADL, Verbelen had served as leader of a Flemish Nazi group, De Ulas (The Flag), which was responsible for organizing murder operations in wartime Belgium. In 1947, he was tried in absentia and sentenced to death by a Belgian military court after being convicted of crimes involving mass murders.

The ADL said the U.S. Army was aware of his true identity when it hired him from 1946 to 1955 under the name Alfred H. Schwab.

Meanwhile, in France, a former U.S. counter-intelligence officer last week formally identified Klaus Barbie as the man who led the Gestapo raid on the Jewish community centre in Lyons.

Court officials in Lyons, where Barbie is being held while awaiting trial on charges of crimes against humanity, said that Michael Thomas recognized Barbie as the German civilian who led the raid.

Thomas told investigating magistrate Christian Riss that he was in Lyons on Feb. 9, 1943, and was actually inside the French Jewish community offices at the time of the raid. He said he was arrested with all the other people in the building who included the father of the current French justice minister, Robert Badinter. He said he was released by the Germans thanks to his false identity papers.

Order of Canada new appointments

OTTAWA —

Dr. Victor Goldbloom, Montreal president of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews and Montreal poet Louis Dudeck were among the 68 Canadians appointed last week by the Governor - General to the Order of Canada, the country's highest distinction. They were named officers of the Order.

Included in the list of those named members of the Order were: Naomi Bronstein, Ottawa, founder of Heal the Children; Albert Cohen, Winnipeg businessman and community leader, and Sheila Kussner, Montreal volunteer community worker.

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FREUD AND MARX SEMI-JEWS?

Re "Women celebrate commitment to Orthodoxy," Nov. 24:

Should Orthodox Jewish women or, for that matter, the Jewish nation be complacent about our faith?

Of the four who shaped our times — Darwin, Marx, Freud and Einstein — the last three were born Jews and were aloof from Judaism.

Of the five Jews in the former Carter administration in the U.S., two had converted and another was "unchurched."

Women such as British author C. S. Lewis' wife, a poet, and Simone Weil, a mystic, found a spiritual need in Catholicism.

Today, a leading Canadian Catholic theologian, a leading American Catholic theologian, a French cardinal and a British Anglican bishop were all born Jewish.

A quaternion of evils, more foreboding than for other religions, faces the best and brightest among Jews — low birthrate, intermarriage, apathy and even the unthinkable, apostasy.

Orthodox Judaism has an even less tenuous influence on our personages. Yet Catholicism, similar to the former in being an unbroken tradition from ancient times, has been a rock for major thinkers from the contemporaries of the excommunicated Jews — Spinoza, Descartes and Pascal — to present scholars.

Moreover, to what extent did the State of Israel, not intrinsic truths, revive Judaism from the close coup de grace of the Holocaust?

As there is a necessity in an insecure world for a strong Jewish state, no less should there be in an increasingly secular age, profound concern for Judaism.

Jacob Mendlovic
Montreal

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Thank you for the terrific advance publicity for our recent Toronto Jewish Book Fair.

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Estelle Viner
Toronto

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SEXES LIKE FLOUR & EGGS

Re Judith R. Cohen's Dec. 1 letter entitled "Does rabbi fear women":

Were men and women two distinct species, the term equality would be in order, as each of the two has an identity of its own. But that is not the case, as shall be seen from the following:

Based on the words of the Book of Genesis, Chapter V, sentence 2: "Male and female He created them . . . and called their name man."

Our sages (Talmud Yevamot, page 63A) conclude that a man without his mate, the woman, is not a man. (The same as a cake with flour, but without eggs or vice-versa, is not a cake.)

That decision is further sanctioned by one of our great authorities in his book of laws.

According to his ruling, the term equality does not apply, since one without the other is zero.

It would be more appropriate to talk in terms of complementing each other in order to realize what we call man.

Therefore, why settle for equality when you can have it all? As J. B. Salsberg says, let's be a little yoisherdik.

Ephraim Carlebach
Ste. Agathe des Monts, Que.

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BEWARE OF DEAD-DRUNKS

With all the partying upon us as the end of 1983 approaches, a word to the unwise in the Jewish community:

Remember . . . being drunk creates a false sense of being in control. Beware of winding up not an impaired driver, but a dead-drunk driver.

H. Max Seiden
Toronto

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IS SCARFACE ANTI-SEMITIC?

I was a victim of discrimination at a Yonge St. movie theatre this week.

I was allowed to enter the theatre and to sit wherever I chose. But, although I was not prevented from seeing the movie Scarface, I was denied the possibility of thoroughly enjoying it because of my religion. I perceived anti-semitic overtones in Scarface, which ruined any enjoyment I might have got from the film.

Set in Miami, Scarface deals with the immigration of Cuban criminals to the United States, and, in particular, with one gangster who makes it to the top in Miami's drug trade.

Leaving the discussion of the movie's general merit to someone else, let it suffice to say that my interests was held successfully enough to prevent me from walking out after the third in a series of three characters was portrayed in a stereotypically unattractive way.

The last of the three characters, name Seidelbaum, is an undercover policeman posing as a money-launderer.

When Tony Montana, the hero villain played by Al Pacino, is trapped by Seidelbaum, the audience is not only assaulted by the stereotype of the Jew as a balding, big-nosed money-lender (a stereotype, incidentally, which originated in medieval times when the only profession a Jew was allowed to enter was that of money-lender), but also as the sneaky doublecrosser who should never be trusted (originating, perhaps, from the once-popular Catholic notion that the Jews killed Jesus).

The reason Tony does business with Seidelbaum is that he felt his WASP bank rates were too high. Tony's partner, Manny, informs Tony of "this Jewish guy" he's heard of who gives better rates, and Tony, blinded by greed, trusts the Jew.

The only other Jew in the film is also a policeman; but worse than the detective Seidelbaum, Mel Bernstein is a cop "on the take." Tony has to pay him enormous sums of money in order to avoid prosecution by the law.

Bernstein is not only greedy but he is dishonourable, making a mockery of the law.

Who tips Bernstein off to Tony? The most interesting character of the trilogy — a man named Frank Lopez.

By his name, we presume Lopez is not Jewish. But he is most definitely greedy ("lesson number one," he tells Tony" is never underestimate the **other** guy's greed").

He is also as double-crossing as they come — after working with Tony, he tips him off to the police and then attempts to have him killed.

It is quite obvious, that Lopez is a greedy, miserable character.

Why then, is it necessary to hang a huge gold "Chai" symbol around Lopez' neck.

And why does Lopez so painstakingly explain to Tony the meaning of the yiddish word "chazar" [pig], only to have Tony call him a "chazar" as Lopez coweringly begs him not to kill him?

I do not accuse the makers of Scarface of being anti-semitic. I accuse them of being lazy.

Instead of taking the time (surely available to them in a 3-hour film) to fill in the personalities of these crucial characters, they chose the easy way out . . . perpetuating harmful stereotypes.

Leala Birnboim
Toronto

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PRESS BAN IS DANGEROUS

If I read it correctly, the lead editorial of Nov. 10, headed "Press beware," argues that the widespread critiques of the Vietnam war and the 1982 war in Lebanon were based on illusions spread by a biased press.

Presumably, then, the Israeli press itself misleads the people — certainly this would be true of Haaretz — not to speak of the opinions and protests of many Israeli soldiers who returned from the Lebanese front.

News in such a small country as Israel spreads very quickly. The government would have to severely muzzle soldiers returning from the front and prohibit all anti-war meetings and demonstrations, as well. For in a larger and more real sense, "the press" includes all sources of information.

And yet, as Clausewitz's dictum states, "War consists of politics by other means." Prohibitions on war reporting are brought about by governments who would prefer not to reveal the politics behind their wars and the "means," the killing, used to implement these politics.

It was good to see the vast majority of major American newspapers condemn the press ban, and the political implications therein, following the invasion of Grenada. They perhaps recognize that the over one million Vietnamese killed between 1964-75 bring to bear a heavy lagacy, for the press, to describe war in socially realistic terms.

This is applicable to the Jewish press, too, vis-a-vis the many Israelis and Arabs who have died in Lebanon.

Shloime Perel
Montreal

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MORE ON 'REBEL RABBI"

A few points need further elaboration on Sheldon Kirshner's Dec. 1 article about the tragic ongoing Louis Jacobs saga which was headed "Rebel rabbi divides British Jews":

1. The objection to Rabbi Jacobs in 1962 was not to his becoming principal of a formerly prestigious but already then struggling seminary, but to a stepping stone in what seemed to be a natural progression towards the position of Chief Rabbi.

2. The ideology, background, and practices of Rabbi Jacobs and his followers do not radically differ from what would be called in North America right-wing Conservatism. The traditional talmudic and halachic learning and interpretations of Rabbi Jacobs would be very comparable to right-wing Conservative names wellknown in Toronto such as Rabbis Feder, Schild, Friedberg, David Novak, David Feldman.

3. The problem with that, as far as the British community was concerned, was that (a) a formal Conservative branch did not exist and it was "feared" that Rabbi Jacobs would lead the community in that direction if he became Chief Rabbi; and (b) that Rabbi Jacobs and his followers did **not** acknowledge themselves to be the British equivalent of Conservative, but insisted that they be recognized as Orthodox.

It is important to appreciate that Rabbi Jacobs is not really a major theologian in the sense of being an original thinker. What he has been recognized as by those interested in Jewish learning is as a superb teacher, in both oral and written formats.

Dr. Joseph Berger
Toronto

PLO backers ask for cash

By
JOE POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON —

The American-Arab Anti - Discrimination Committee, whose record of activities strongly supports Palestine Liberation Organization aims and is antagonistic towards Israel, is asking American Jews, as well as others, to contribute to its treasury.

A form letter dated Dec. 1 reads, "This year, American Jewish organizations will raise millions of dollars to do their work. We only need thousands, but we need your help right now."

The letter expressed pride in having "added former Republican Congressman Paul Findley and Pete McCloskey to our national advisory committee" and having "brought Democratic Party presidential candidates Jesse Jackson and George McGovern to our west coast regional convention on Nov. 4 — this marked the first time ever Arab-Americans were addressed by presidential candidates."

The letter was signed by James Abourezk, a former South Dakota senator, who is chairman of the committee. He and its executive director, James Zogby, founded it in 1980.

In its handbook on Pro-Arab Propaganda in America: Vehicles and Voices, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith described Zogby as a "leading pro-PLO activist."

The committee was reported as currently having 41 regional chapters across the country and a national membership of 11,000.

When Abourezk was asked directly in 1982 by this reporter after he had emerged from a meeting in the state department whether he recognized Israel as a state, Abourezk refused to make the acknowledgement.

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Editorial

Time to reflect on the issues

As we approach 1984, the year immortalized by George Orwell in his bleak, futuristic nmovel, we would do well to reflect.

Soul searching carries with it the risk of self-doubt, but we should not fear either. Self-revelation is an envied state of mind and it can only be attained by careful examination.

We live in a world torn by political and racial conflicts and characterized by economic disparities and the spectre of a nuclear holocaust. But we, in Canada, are fortunate to live in a country which is democratic, free, fairly prosperous and tolerant.

In an era when totalitarianism seems rampant, we cannot afford to take for granted the freedom and democracy we enjoy but which others cannot.

We, as Jews, are concerned with an array of multi-faceted issues, not just in Canada, but abroad. Being scattered throughout the continents, and having experienced the best and the worst in this very imperfect universe, we cannot but view mankind through a prism which transcends national frontiers.

As Jewish Canadians, we are concerned with the unemployment lines, the closure of factories, the racism encountered by visible minorities. Canada is a land of limitless opportunity, but we will surely squander our wealth if we are shortsighted and greedy and intolerant.

With the nuclear arms race heating up, we, as Canadians, can support Prime Minister Trudeau's peace initiative to make the world safer for the next generation . . . and ours. Mr. Trudeau's proposals, which have received a respectful hearing so far, deserve commendation, regardless of partisan policies.

In surveying the issue of importance to the Jewish community, we can dwell on at least two: Canadian policy vis-a-vis the Middle East, and the perennial problem of hate literature.

With regard to the first one, we trust that Canada will adhere to a fair-minded, balanced policy which does justice to all the parties in the Arab-Israeli dispute.

It is good that the federal government is finally serious regarding the dissemination of hate literature in our nation. When one reads that Canada is the leading exporter of anti-semitic material to West Germany, one shudders. Can it be true? It is, unfortunately.

The Criminal Code should be reworked so that the distribution of this abominable filth is stopped at the source.

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Israel begins 1984 with enormous problems. Having stumbled into Lebanon, Israel has no easy method of extricating itself from the Lebanese mire. Unless regional circumstances change, the Israeli army is there to stay indefinitely, with all its attendant sorrows.

Regretfully, peace is not around the corner in the Middle East. Nevertheless, Israeli leaders must find ways to break down the barriers between Arabs and Jews.

If Israel is to be a light unto the nations, the religious zealotry which collides with modernity will have to be somehow contained. Mutual tolerance must replace the intolerance which prevails in all too many quarters.

No one pretends that a perfect world is possible, but if we accept the injustices, abuses and callousness which assail us day by day, we have only ourselves to blame. We must analyze the blemishes which disfigure our respective societies and attempt to exorcise them through sensible solutions.

Academic freedom at issue

Educators battle over Zionism stand

THE JEWISH WORLD

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

State University of New York, in Stony Brook, is the scene of a classic battle revolving around academic freedom. The manner in which it is resolved could well influence similar cases in the future.

The protagonists are a South African-born lecturer who equates Zionism with racism and Nazism, and an Israeli professor who charges that he used his position to propagate a "personal ideology and racial biases." The university administration has "divorced" itself from the ideas disseminated by Ernest Dube, the anti-Zionist, but he continues to give the course which offended Selwyn Troen, the Israeli.

It all started when one of Dube's students approached Troen, then a visiting professor of history from Ben-Gurion University, and complained about his constant attacks on Zionism.

Just before returning to Israel, Troen said in a letter to faculty and administration that Dube, an associate professor in the African Studies Department, had been disseminating propaganda rather than balanced facts. He asked for a formal accounting of Dube's teachings.

After some deliberation, the university senate concluded that the bounds of academic freedom had not been crossed by Dube and that there would be no investigation of the controversy. In the meantime, the chairman of the African Studies Department and senior faculty members exchanged angry internal memos.

University plans variety of initiatives to review programs

Nearly three months after Troen sent his letter, the case broke wide open. Following pressure from state officials, Jewish community groups and a host of academics, John Marburger, the university president, issued a statement dissociating the institution from Dube's course.

Marburger told the representatives of 35 local and national Jewish organizations that he personally found linkages between Zionism, racism and Nazism to be "morally abhorrent," and disclosed that the university planned "a variety of initiatives . . . to review courses and programs . . . to bring to our campus a higher degree of understanding of behavior likely to be offensive to one or another of our constituencies."

Marburger's backtracking may have satisfied some Jewish communal leaders, but Troen — the man who lit the fuse — was far from mollified. In an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, he accused Marburger of mishandling the affair.

Troen, who objects to many of the policies of the present Israeli government, insisted that the university senate had failed to investigate the charges against Dube. He said that Stony Brook had "wrongfully wrapped itself in a cloak of academic freedom."

Dube, he explained, should have provided his students with a broader range of reading materials on Zionism instead of distributing the one essay equating Zionism with German Nazism and South African apartheid.

A Black, Dube has vowed not to change his course, The Politics of Race. Amiri Baraka, the chairman of his department, supports Dube to the hilt.

Defiantly outspoken, Baraka terms the controversy as "part of an overall effort to get rid of the African Studies Department," and challenges opponents to a debate in which he is "ready to show the relationship between Zionism and racism."

According to Baraka, Marburger is guilty of failing to protect "the integrity" of the university and of buckling under "to heavy pressure from outside forces."

Dube's integrity, he says, has been upheld by the senate. "The rest has been political shenanigans and demagoguery. And as usual, the scapegoat is Black people."

For now, the matter simmers. But turmoil lies ahead. Dube's contract runs out in about two years and the university will have to decide whether or not to grant him tenure. Clearly, universities around the country will watch developments carefully.

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POLISH JEWS

The impact Jews had on Poland has been documented by a succession of writers, but rarely as thoroughly as by Joseph Marcus, an economist and political scientist.

Marcus, in **Social and Political History of the Jews in Poland [Mounton]**, covers the momentous period from 1919 to 1939 with a diligence that one cannot but admire. Using primary and secondary sources, he focuses on an era which was inaugurated by the advent of Polish statehood and capped by the fear of a German-initiated European war.

As a thorough researcher, Marcus leads us on our way with a social and economic analysis of the forces — and the individuals — shaping Polish Jewry, the largest in Europe until World War II.

The Jews, he writes, were decisively influential in the industrialization of Poland, the nobility and aristocracy being contemptuous of commerce and industry. When a Polish middle class emerged, its members displayed hostility to Jews, regarding them as the main obstacle to their advancement.

If the gulf separating Pole and Jew grew in the 1930s, this was not too surprising, given the Depression and the upsurge of anti-semitism. Poles, Marcus observes, refused to accept Jews. And Jews themselves, not eager to give up their heritage, did not seek full acceptance.

One can argue with the veracity of this overly gloomy assessment, but one would be hard-pressed to deny that the 1930s were a black time for the Jewish community.

In the face of the rising tide of anti-semitism, which swelled to ominous proportions after the death of Jozef Pilsudski in 1935, the political and economic weakness of the Jews was astonishing. Rather than acting in unison, the Jews acted as individuals, unable to bury their ideological differences.

The National Democrats, or Endeks, were largely behind the organized campaign of anti-semitism which swept across Poland. Challenging the government for its alleged neglect of the "Jewish problem," the Endeks worked through the Seym — or parliament — to nail Jewry to the cross.

Resorting to an economic boycott against the Jews — a boycott which was supported by the powerful Roman Catholic church and acquiesced to by the government — the Endeks scored enjoyed enormous success.

Roman Rybarski, one of the leading Endeks, stated in the Seym that "there is no room for the Jews in Poland," and this became the official slogan of the National Democrats.

Drive designed as hammer blow against Jews

University students were the Endek shock troops, wielding razor blades and cudgels in their war of aggression on Jews. In 1937, they grew bolder, demanding — and getting — ghetto benches in lecture halls. In Marcus' view, the ghetto benches were the first practical attempt to deprive Jews of their fundamental civil rights.

The drive to prohibit shechita, or ritual slaughtering, was designed as yet another hammer blow against the Jews. No other issue in the 1930s, Marcus claims, aroused as much Jewish protest and agitation — not even, presumably, the handful of pogroms.

Despite the Endek onslaught, disunity remained a potent factor in Jewish communal politics — the Bundists fighting the Zionists and the Orthodox battling the secular.

This divisive climate robbed the Jews of any ability to combat their enemies, or to mitigate the anti-semitism which, Marcus thinks, became a "cardinal element" in the regime's political program.

By the late 1930s, the Jews of Poland were all but besieged by the popular current of anti-semitism, fed by ambitious or timid politicians and, of course, by the Roman Catholic hierarchy. Cardinal Agugust Hlond, the Polish primate, said in a notorious pastoral letter that Catholics should "avoid Jewish stores," but warned that "it is not permissible to demolish Jewish businesses."

After accusing Jews of being atheists, bolsheviks, disseminators of pornography, embezzlers, userers and white slavers, Cardinal Hlond added this neat disclaimer: "Not all the Jews are, however, like that."

In pre-World War II Poland, not a whole lot of Poles were capable of making such subtle distinctions.

Jewish children playing at a summer camp in Poland, circa 1925.

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The gates are closed

Soviet Jews are cut off from faith, language, people

By
PATRICIA RUCKER

Soviet Jewry is in desperate straits.

There are 2.5 million Jews living in the USSR. They form the 11th largest minority.

Under the provisions of the Soviet constitution, they should be granted the same cultural and language rights as any other minority in the USSR — some of which number barely 100,000.

And under the provisions of the Final Document of the Madrid Conference, which the Soviets signed along with 34 other Western states last September, they should be permitted to associate freely in religious groups within the Soviet Union, and to have contacts with co-religionists outside.

Instead, they are cut off from their faith, their language and their people.

They are prohibited from using, learning or teaching Hebrew; from forming any Jewish organization; from contacting their co-religionists in the West and in Israel.

And they cannot escape.

The emigration statistics tell the story. In 1979, 51,320 Jews were permitted to leave. In 1980, the last year of large-scale emigration, 21,471 got out. In 1981, 9,447; in 1982, 2,688. And this year, in the 11 months for which statistics are available — a pitiful 1,224.

The gates are closed.

Even during the miraculous years from 1970 to 1981, when over a quarter of a million Jews left from the USSR, permission to emigrate was always arbitrary. When a family applied to leave, its members never knew who would be granted a visa and who would be forced to stay behind as a Refusenik, denied permission to work, arrested for any attempt to speak out.

Now, all Soviet Jews are, in effect, Refuseniks.

Activists are harassed by the KGB. Hebrew classes have been disrupted and Hebrew teachers have been arrested. Yosef Begun, a man who for the past 11 years has dedicated his life to the teaching of Hebrew, was recently tried on "anti-Soviet" charges and sentenced to the maximum term of seven years in a "strict-regime" prison followed by five years in exile.

According to Morris B. Abram, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, this cartoon, "drawn with stereotypical features straight out of Nazi propaganda," was published in a recent Ukrainian satirical journal, Perets. [Religious News Services photo]

There are a few who manage to display their Jewishness within the system. Their names figure prominently on the praesidium of the Anti-Zionist Committee of the Soviet Public: General David A. Dragunsky, the chairman; Samuil Zivs, a jurist, the first deputy chairman; and Yuri Kolesnikov, an anti-Zionist author, and Mark Krupkin, deputy director of a publishing house, both deputy chairmen.

The flavor of the Jewishness the Soviets tolerate can be judged from a statement on Jewish emigration made by Zivs at a committee press conference last June.

He acknowledged that there had been "a considerable decrease" in the number of exit visas granted. But, he said, the postwar emigration for reasons of family reunification was now "basically completed" — a significant point in the light of the commitments made by the USSR, in signing the Madrid document, to expedite applications to emigrate in order to join relatives abroad.

But Zivs had more to say. The emigration of those he described as "giving in to Zionist enticement," and who had become "victims of Zionist propaganda" had diminished too. Even more ominously, he said that as a lawyer, he regarded emigration for reasons connected with "Zionist propaganda" as "an anti-patriotic act."

The logic is vicious.

Family reunification is complete. Therefore, any Jews who still persist in trying to leave are victims of Zionist propaganda. Therefore, they, like Begun, are engaged in anti-patriotic acts. Therefore, their requests can be denied, and the commitments to family reunification and freedom of religion made at Madrid do not have to be taken into account.

But we do not have to accept that logic.

In his speech to the closing session of the Madrid Conference, Jean-Luc Pepin, Canada's minister of state for external relations, sent a clear message to the USSR that its words would be measured against its deeds when Ottawa hosts the follow-up meeting of experts on human rights in May 1985.

"The terms of reference for the meeting are not so clear nor detailed as we would have liked; nevertheless, we have concluded that the participants will want to discuss fully and with sincerity the human rights practices in other participating states as well as their own," Pepin said.

He continued: "But if individuals faced with the threat of state-to-state confrontation cannot live in security, neither can they live in real peace if their fundamental human rights are denied them by their government authorities."

We must ensure that we keep the issue alive over the next 16 months, and that the position enunciated by Pepin continues to be the position of the Canadian government in May 1985.

But we don't have to wait until 1985. The case of Lev and Inna Elbert, Refuseniks since 1976, shows just how much international pressure can accomplish.

Last May, Lev Elbert was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment on a charge of failing to respond to an army reserve callup. On his arrival at a labor camp, direct from a Kiev prison, he was found to have cannabis sewn into his jacket.

In August, his wife's flat was searched, and cannabis was found.

That same month, Ian Deans, a Member of Parliament from Ontario, visited the Soviet Union as part of an official Canadian delegation led by the Speaker of the House of Commons, Jeanne Sauve, Deans met with Inna Elbert, and subsequently raised the Elberts' case with members of the Supreme Soviet, with the Canadian embassy in Moscow, and on his return to Canada, with External Affairs Minister Allan MacEachen and in the House of Commons.

After months of pressure from Deans and from others in Canada, England, France, and the United States, all drug charges against Elbert and his wife were dropped.

The Committee for Soviet Jewry encourages individuals to "adopt" a Refusenik, and to twin a child celebrating a bar or bat mitzvah in Canada with a child who cannot celebrate one in the USSR.

Every postcard, every letter, every contact lets the Soviet authorities know that one of their Jews is cared for by someone outside — that **that** Jew's name and fate will be known.

Silence never opened any gates.

Winnipeg studies proposal to affiliate school systems

By
NAOMI LAKRITZ

WINNIPEG —

A proposal to affiliate Jewish day schools with the public school system is currently under study by the Manitoba department of education and the Winnipeg Public School Board.

Evelyn Katz, spokesperson for the Action Committee for Jewish Education, hopes to bring all sides together late in January for discussions which could lead to final approval of the plan.

The committee, which represents the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council and the Board of Jewish Education (BJE), drew up the proposal last summer for presentation to Education Minister Maureen Hemphill and local school board officials.

Under the proposal, three day schools currently operating under the auspices of the BJE would be designated public schools with a single-track English and Hebrew curriculum and Jewish heritage studies. Two of the schools would serve grades 1-6 and the third would offer grades 7-12.

Since existing buildings would be leased to the school board, the proposal requires no financing or extra taxes. The BJE would charge the public school board $1 a year on a net to net scheme. Admission to the three schools would be free for all students.

"The one thing we insist upon is the single-track concept. It means Hebrew will be the only immersion language offered. We must create a total environment when teaching Jewish culture. This cannot be done under a double-track system which forces us to offer French or some other language as well," said Katz.

The thrust of the proposal aims at placing the day schools on a par with other public schools which offer immersion and cultural heritage programs for other languages.

"Other schools offer similar programs in French, German and Ukrainian heritage on a single-track basis. We feel our culture is entitled to be part of that, too," said Katz.

Another reason for affiliation is the difficulty Winnipeg's declining Jewish population may face in the future in supporting its own independent school system.

"The day school tuition is quite high. But a free public school with Jewish studies might attract more students," said Katz.

If affiliation is approved, it could send a positive signal to other Jewish communities which want to attract more students to a Jewish studies program that would be separate from the private schools.

Baruch Rand, BJE superintendent, said the Jewish community would not turn complete control over to the school board. Instead, he envisons a Jewish advisory board being set up which would have a say in curriculum content, teacher hiring, salaries and other matters.

"The role of the board would have to be defined in future negotiations. For now, we're simply awaiting Hemphill's approval," he said.

Katz said one question often raised is how much religious instruction should be offered under an affiliation program.

"Public schools have been traditionally non-religious, but there is religious instruction and holiday celebrations in the other immersion programs," she said.

The committee hopes to convince school board officials that language and culture cannot be separated from religion in a Jewish heritage studies program.

Although both provincial and local officials have so far remained noncommittal, Katz is optimistic about the proposal's success.

"Many individuals involved in the decision process, including Hemphill herself, believe in maintaining cultural heritage programs in the public schools," she said.

The committee had previously hoped to begin the affiliation program next September, but if the proposal is not approved by the end of January, the start-up will be pushed back to September, 1985.

U.S. to use Israel facilities

WASHINGTON [JTA] —

An agreement has been reached between the United States and Israel for the use of Israeli medical facilities by the U.S. armed forces stationed in Lebanon.

The agreement was reached last week in Jerusalem between Dr. William Mayer, assistant secretary of defence for health, and Brig-Gen. Moshe Revach, the Israel Defence Force surgeon-general.

The agreement comes as a result of the failure of the U.S. Marines to use Israeli hospital facilities following the Oct. 23 bomb attack in Beirut which killed and wounded hundreds of Marines. The wounded were flown to hospitals in Europe because, at the time, Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger — obviously worried about Arab feelings — decided that an Israeli offer of help was not accepted because "it was not needed."

Weinberger has been roundly criticized in Congress and by editorials in newspapers for risking the lives of the wounded by having them sent to hospitals many hours away by plane while they could have been taken to Israel in minutes.

Congressman James Scheuer, of New York, hailed the new agreement as "a positive step forward in avoiding the incredibly stupid manner in which our casualties were handled. Should such a tragedy befall our Marines again, there will be no long 10- or 12-hour wait for airplanes and no 20-hour delays before reaching definitive hospital care."

Scheuer said he expects the agreement to include use of Rambam Hospital in Haifa as well as other Israeli hospitals such as Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem and Tel Hashomer in Tel Aviv.

"The only sad note here," said Scheuer, "is that we could have had access to these facilities in October. We will never know how many lives might have been saved or injuries lessened had our Marines been able to get Rambam's first class treatment instead of being subjected to long waits and long flights to Europe."

Opinion

Bob Applebaum negotiates treaties

Canada's fish and foreign policy go hand in hand

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

OTTAWA —

"Who thinks fish from one year to the next?"

Bob Applebaum's rhetorical question has a certain edge to it, as if he is convinced how precious little interest Canadians usually evince in fisheries.

Canadians on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts cannot but be aware of the relationship between prosperity and fish, says Applebaum, a top-ranking official in the federal department of fisheries and oceans.

Inland Canadians, however, do not have much appreciation for this economically important resource.

In a sense, Applebaum can empathize with this attitude — which could be summarized in a phrase: Ignorance is bliss.

Eleven years ago, when he was assigned to the fisheries desk in the department of external affairs, he found himself in a job he didn't even know existed!

What, after all, do fish have to do with the exigencies of foreign policy? Do Canada's relations with such countries as France, Spain, Portugal and the Soviet Union partially depend on such species as cod, tuna, salmon, lobster and herring?

Well, as Applebaum quickly discovered, fish and foreign policy do go hand in hand.

Consider the unvarnished facts.

In 1981, the total market value of Canadian fisheries production was approximately $1.9 billion. The $1.3 billion Atlantic fishery was Canada's third-largest foreign exchange earner after forest products and wheat. By managing to export fishery products to the tune of $1.5 billion, a 19% increase compared to the previous year, Canada maintained its position as the world's No. 1 fish exporting nation.

These sales not only keep the economies of the Pacific basin and the Maritimes afloat.

The bilateral fisheries treaties to which Canada is a party have a direct bearing on its relations with an assortment of lands.

Applebaum, who is acting director-general of the department's international relations branch, cites a couple of examples. There are problems with Spain because its fishermen are hauling in illegal catch in Canadian waters. As a result, the Spanish market for Canadian fish has been adversely affected. And Canada-U.S. relations have been buffeted by a dispute in the Gulf of Maine.

Essentially, he and his associates work in fields related to the 11 international fisheries commissions to which Canada belongs. They also establish and implement fisheries treaties, and fish for trade opportunities.

A crucial issue which came to his attention early on in his career as a fisheries expert concerned the extended 200-mile fishing zone.

As well as being a member of the group which developed the zone, Applebaum helped draft the treaties which won Canada official acceptance of that policy. Over a period of one year, he and his colleagues capped negotiations with Norway, Poland, Spain, Portugal and the USSR — countries which conduct the bulk of fishing off the Canadian coast.

A lot of money rode on the talks. The Russians, for example, now have the right to land 70,000 metric tons, worth some $60 million annually.

Applebaum, 43, was intimately involved in the Law of the Sea Conference, which produced a 1982 treaty signed by 117 nations. He was in Montago Bay, Jamaica, last December when delegates affixed their signatures to the historic document United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar has called "a breath of fresh air."

According to Applebaum, the convention represents an unprecedented attempt by mankind to allocate, fairly and without resort to conflict, the myriad resources beneath the seven seas.

Although it does not take effect until the legislatures of 60 nations ratify the treaty, a good many of its provisions are already being applied.

In his eight years with the department of fisheries and oceans, Applebaum has been a member, or leader, of numerous delegations.

As he recalls in an interview, the longest talks in which he has participated are still going on after seven years. They involve the European Economic Community — Canada's second most important fish market after the U.S.

Protracted bargaining has revolved around Canada-EEC treaty obligations and tariff treatment for certain Canadian fish products, among other things.

Bob Applebaum of the federal department of fisheries and oceans.

In explaining the impasse, Applebaum says, "The EEC is a conglomerate with clashing viewpoints. It has difficulty getting its act together."

As if this is not a problem, Applebaum must contend with the Canada-France boundary dispute over the French-administered St. Pierre and Miquelon Islands, near Newfoundland.

France's claim to the islands collides with Canada's 200-mile jurisdictional zone. It's an untidy mess, and Applebaum feels the case may end up in the International Court of Justice.

At the moment, he is awaiting a decision from the court (based in Holland) on a Canada-U.S. dispute over George's Bank, in the Gulf of Maine. Canada claims the northeast sector, while the U.S. has laid a claim to the entire area.

The stakes are high, because the grounds are worth some $300 million annually to the fishermen of southern Nova Scotia. "And," says Applebaum, "there is oil and gas down there worth millions."

A verdict is expected in 1984. Once it has been handed down, Canada and the U.S. will begin negotiations on management of stock — which includes cod, haddock and scallops.

Applebaum, who will probably be one of the negotiators or strategists in these forthcoming discussions, has dealt with the Americans before. They're tough negotiators, he says, but not impossible to deal with.

A couple of years ago, he was on the team that successfully completed talks with the U.S. on tuna landings. In the near future, he'll be talking to the Americans again on west coast and Beaufort Sea boundary issues.

Applebaum, originally a Torontonian, has had quite a few successes in the past eight years. But one of which he seems to be very proud sounds like a mouthful — the Convention for Conservation of Salmon in the North Atlantic Ocean.

Ratified recently, the treaty should have the effect of stopping the depletion of salmon, an all-purpose fish sought by commercial and recreational fishermen.

Stocks dwindled, Applebaum explains, due to a variety of reasons: over-fishing, over-poaching and habitat decline related to pollution. The total catch now is 6,000 tons per year, whereas it was once 25,000 tons.

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Although he has cut down on his trips, Applebaum must still travel two weeks out of every two months, primarily to Western Europe, Cuba and the Soviet Union. "They're not fun," he says flatly.

On the average, he hasn't a minute for sightseeing, being locked into a wearisome schedule which burns up as much as 20 hours a day. "At talks, you have to be prepared to sit, and never to get tired, bored or mad. To work and worry away at every exchange. To try to reach reasonable compromises. It takes terrific stamina and tremendous preparation. You're working on adrenalin."

The trick, he observes, is not to approach a negotiation on a win-or-lose basis. As he puts it: "You can't beat down a guy with a deal he can't live with and might throw out later."

It isn't wise, he says, to "win" by a huge margin. This isn't mere rhetoric. In Iceland, once, Applebaum pointed out an error to his interlocutor — a mistake that would have worked to Canada's advantage. Applebaum, however, did not let it pass, and the gesture was not lost on his opponents.

When he is not abroad, or putting in long days in his downtown office, Applebaum — a graduate of the University of Toronto, Osgoode Hall Law School and the London School of Economics — likes to read and spend time with his family.

An international lawyer by training, he enjoys the novels of American Jewish writers like Saul Bellow and Philip Roth, and the company of his wife, Gaye, a law student and freelance journalist, and their two children.

Applebaum, who once served in the Canadian embassy in Australia as a junior officer, does not anticipate going back to the department of external affairs.

The son of a man who was a barber, real estate salesman and taxi driver, Applebaum is content with spending the rest of his career in the department of fisheries and oceans.

"It's a fascinating and expanding area and it has possibilities — for the development of international law, for the conservation of marine species and for the growth in our food supply."

Bob Applebaum is in the thick of the action and he intends to stay there.

Israel logical link in Elderhostel chain

HAIFA —

Although there may be a bit more gray than that of the regularly-enrolled students at the University of Haifa, not one of their professors — during the five courses given in the fall — would place their Elderhostel students in any category but that of the "most dedicated students."

Elderhostel, the New Hampshire-based low cost/short term touring and learning experience for Keenagers (those over 60), this year chose the University of Haifa as one of the two universities with which it began an expansion into Israel. The program currently operates a 700-school network in the United States and Canada, as well as overseas.

According to Elderhostel's director, William Berkley — while on an information seeking tour at the University of Haifa — "Israel was the next logical link in the Elderhostel chain. Her universities are of the highest scholastic calibre, are organized in a similar manner to schools in the United States, and Israel is nothing less than one of the most exciting and inspiring countries in the world."

To develop its first program for Elderhostel, the academic advisors at the University of Haifa carefully assembled groups of courses, taking advantage of the school's innovative departments and specific research concerns — including the department of political science, the Arab-Jewish Centre, and the Institute for Kibbutz Studies.

Offered to the "elderstudents" in the 1983 program were the subjects, "Peace in the Middle East," "Arab Folklore," "Media in Israel," and "The Kibbutz: A Unique Social Experiment." In each of these sessions — except at the kibbutz, where the elderstudents stayed in a guest house — the participants took themselves back more than half a century and moved into the University of Haifa's student dormitories.

Why Elderhostel? And why, when countless numbers of their friends were lounging on Florida beaches or playing bingo in urban senior centres, did these particular individuals choose to spend their days huddled over notebooks, scratching out on bits of paper the information gleaned from a day's lectures?

For Hannah and Irving Zapiler of Akron, Ohio, it was not just the chance to be in Israel, as they had visited the country 11 years earlier. Instead it was part of a quest that had taken them to four universities in one year.

"At our age we need the stimulation," they said during a short break between classes. When we decided to retire it was not with the intention of stagnating. Elderhostelers meet people from all over the United States, and Canada too. Talking to so many different people is an education by itself, but we are able to learn a little from the teachers . . . well, a lot more than a little."

"The professors and the program at the University of Haifa has been dynamic and fantastic. We were totally unprepared for the excellence of this session.

"You know, when we vacationed in Israel the first time, we only passed through Haifa. 'This is the Bahai Temple,' the guide said, and we were on our way to Tel Aviv. We were never told that there was a University of Haifa. This time we have had a lot of time to explore the city and the university. It's wonderful."

John and Sarah Hess of Doylestown, Pa., had never visited Israel and jumped at the chance. According to John, they discovered that they had been chosen, by computer, for the pilot program, when checking the mailbox — upon their return from an Elderhostel course in Vermont. "What the hell," I said to Sarah, "Let's go."

Both couples were enrolled in the "Peace in the Middle East" course, and admitted they learned a great deal.

"What we learned," John Hess related during a lunch break towards the end of the first week, "is that the process of attaining peace in the Middle East is not as easy as it seems to a person sitting in their suburban living room."

"It all seemed so easy when we were in the United States. Just sit down and talk. That's all the opposing groups had to do. But after being here and seeing the country, meeting the people, and listening to the lectures, I now know that it could take a couple of lifetimes. Without Elderhostel and the University of Haifa we never would have received the complete picture."

The 1983 trial session between Elderhostel and the University of Haifa ended in mid-November. Because of the strong positive responses from the students, both organizations have decided to carry the program into 1984. In the new season, the series of courses available to the students will be greatly expanded.

Ten subjects will be offered in 1984, including, for the second year, The Kibbutz: A Unique Social Experiment. Also among those courses to be given will be "The Aliya Experience," "Family Change in Israel," "Jewish Folklore," "Media, Communications, and the Image of Israel," "Searching for the Sea Peoples and Ancient Civilizations," and "Art, A Force in the Sharing of Israel."

DIARY ...of a People

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Octavian Goga, head of the pro-Axis and anti-semitic United Front coalition, took power on Dec. 30, 1937. His short tenure marked the peak of a long wave of anti-semitism in Romania and foreshadowed the imminent demise of its recently augmented Jewish community.

Romania, a home to Jews since the 4th century, was finally wrested by the Russians from Turkish control in 1812. In the 53-year struggle, the Jews of Bacau, Barland, Galati, Roman and other centres were exploited and treated as potential traitors by both sides.

In a bid to restore the war-torn country, landowners in the province of Moldavia invited Jews from neighboring Ukraine and Russia to settle; they founded over 60 towns and villages, and helped transform the old feudal system into a modern economy.

Under Russian control and swelling native nationalism, the 200,000 Jews in Romanian districts during the second half of the 19th century were subject to discriminatory legislation, violence and arbitrary expulsions. They were denied citizenship, for example, whether native-born or "foreign subjects," and faced some 200 employment and business restrictions. Treatment of its Jews earned Romania international notoriety.

Germany, France and England acquiesced to Romania's petition for independence with the proviso that all civil rights be extended to its Jews, in the 1878 Congress of Berlin. Romanian authorities refused to accept the condition, agreeing to grant its Jews citizenship only on the basis of separate laws judging the merit of each application. Over the next 35 years, a total of 2,000 Jews were naturalized.

From 1900 to 1914, close to 80,000 Jews, from its more traditional and recent arrivals, left the country. The more established Jews as a whole abandoned Yiddish, the cheder and traditional Jewish culture for Romanian education, literature and arts, convinced that their emancipation would be realized soon.

After World War I, Romania became the largest of the Balkan states. Its new territories, carved out of the former Russian and Austro-Hungarian empires — Bessarabia, Transylvania and Bukovina — brought Romania's Jewish population up from 250,000 to 800,000, the third largest in Europe.

Echoing the Congress of Berlin 40 years earlier, Romania was asked to, among other things, emancipate its Jews. In 1919, Romania conceded. But, five years later, its parliament introduced strict limitations on the naturalization of the Jews in the new territories. It had already, despite protests by the League of Nations and the European powers, denationalized some 200,000 of them who were unable to provide proof of "10 years of previous continuous residence."

Throughout the 20s, a continuous stream of decrees disallowed the Jewish school system and welfare organizations and their autonomy and financial support explicitly guaranteed by treaty. The heaviest taxes were levied on the Jews, forcing them out of the tobacco, salt, match and transportation industries.

Jews were first physically intimidated, and then forced out of Romania's four crowded universities by a quota system. In the countryside, police protection was non-existent for the increasing incidence of attacks on Jewish travelers and inns.

The 1928 election of Julius Maniu and the National Peasant Party provided a brief respite, as domestic reforms were combined with strict supression of anti-semitic agitation. Racial hatreds and the world depression soon forced Maniu out of office.

Widespread unemployment and the fear of a workers' uprising led the small number of powerful families and the Romanian Orthodox clergy, who controlled most of the country's industry and arable land, to fuel the diversion of anti-semitism.

Among the voices growing more strident were those of: veteran demagogue Alexander Cuza, who had advocated the expulsion of all Jews from Europe long before Hitler was born; ultra-nationalist Octavian Goga; and Cornelius Codreanu, the swaggering leader of the fascist paramilitary Iron Guard. Together, they formed the United Front.

In 1936, the Front organized an anti-semitic demonstration of 280,000 marchers in Bucharest. Forming the government a year later, Goga passed a series of sweeping laws impoverishing the Jewish community. He died of apoplexy in May, 1938.

CJC appoints new comptroller

MONTREAL —

Abe Smajovits has been appointed comptroller of the Canadian Jewish Congress. He will be responsible for the financial administration of CJC.

Abe Smajovits

Smajovits, a chartered accountant and MBA, will serve as staff director of the budget and finance committee of CJC and will work in close cooperation with the national treasurer, Lawrence Bessner, upon whose recommendation the appointment was made.

Before coming to the CJC, Smajovits was manager of accounting policies and procedures for international banking and treasury at the Bank of Montreal.

His appointment was announced last week by Milton Harris, CJC president and CJC executive director J. Archibald.

AWARD FOR ROSE

Moe Seidman, left, vice-chairman of the National Tripartite Liaison Committee, recently presented the Committee's Founder Award to Alan Rose, executive vice-president of Canadian Jewish Congress. The NTLC was established in 1977 as a national organization of the Canadian Council of Churches, the Canadian Council of Catholic Bishops and the CJC.

Prisoner's health "precarious"

Scharansky pleads for husband

NEW YORK —

Avital Scharansky, wife of the imprisoned Anatoly Scharansky, has issued an urgent appeal for an international campaign to have her husband hospitalized.

The Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry and Union of Councils for Soviet Jews said in a release that Avital is alarmed at the "precarious health" of her husband, who is in the Chistipol prison in the Tartar republic.

He was sentenced to 13 years in 1978 for "treason" after he campaigned to rejoin his wife in Jerusalem.

Avital said that her husband's precarious condition is "a result of his 110-day hunger strike, combined with harsh prison conditions." Speaking on behalf of his mother, Ida Milgrom, she reported that Milgrom "knocked on every door of Soviet officialdom, requesting Anatoly's urgent hospitalization. Her appeals went unheeded."

According to letters she has received from her husband over the past few months, Avital said that he has been examined only rarely, and has had severe allergic reactions to some of the medication prescribed for him.

Anatoly suffers from a heart condition. In October, after months of requests for a special medical visit, he received his regular, twice-a-year checkup.

He wrote: "They listened to my heartbeat and checked my blood pressure. . . . They didn't reach any new decisions [meaning they rejected his request for hospitalization.] The diagnosis is as before. According to them, the heart muscle is weakened. Once again, new medications were introduced."

Synagogue damaged

Youth charged with arson

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. [JTA] —

A 17-year-old Jewish youth who was a psychiatric in-patient in a Connecticut hospital was arrested and charged with an arson fire that damaged a local synagogue of which he was a member as well as three other arson attacks.

Barry Dov Schuss surrendered voluntarily to authorities and was charged with four counts of second degree arson. Police said his arrest closed the cases which had caused widespread concern and fear in the local Jewish community.

The fires were set on Aug. 11 at the Young Israel Synagogue, of which the defendant and his family were members; on Aug. 15 at the Emanuel Synagogue; on Aug. 16 at the home of Rabbi Solomon Krupka, rabbi of the Young Israel congregation; and Sept. 16 at the home of state Rep. Joan Kemler, who is Jewish. The fires caused extensive property damage but no injuries.

Judge Joseph Morelli of Superior Court ordered the youth returned to the un-named Connecticut hospital pending another court appearance on Jan. 4. Bail was set up at $15,000.

Frances Reynolds, the West Hartford police chief, said the youth had not given any specific reason for setting the fires. The state's attorney, John Bailey, said Schuss gave officials a complete statement "about his connection with the arson attacks and that he took full responsibility for them."

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Rabbi sat bundled in coats

Early years of Stretiner dynasty filled with hardships

By
J. B. SALSBERG

According to a rather prominently displayed news story in The Globe and Mail, the "First Narayav Congregation" of Brunswick Ave., Toronto, is embroiled in serious internal strife over ritual practices.

So why should I, an outsider, enter the warring zone when all I can expect is slings and arrows from one or the other of the disputing parties? Why, indeed, should I enter no-man's land when the confrontation is of local dimension and affects one of the smallest congregations in the city?

J. B. Salsberg

Why should I look for trouble (zuchen tzores) when I can so easily avoid it?

The answer to those questions is partially rooted in the soil of historic accuracy, but is mainly due to personal, nostalgic recollections.

First, about historic accuracy. According to The Globe and Mail story the president of the Narayav Synagogue (I prefer the spoken form, which always was The Narayever Shul, or shtibel) said: "As far as I know, we're the first (Orthodox) synagogue in Canada, one of the first anywhere, that is providing for complete equality," meaning complete equality for men and women in the conduct of services and the implementation of ritual, etc.

Far be it from me to question the objective of full equality for men and women in the synagogue. But, the introduction of such "equality" is hardly a revolutionary act nowadays. In the abolition of the age-old practices of male-female separateness in the synagogue the Narayever officers would be lucky to make the thousandth place, let alone the first.

I believe that it would be correct to assume that most synagogues that abolished the seating separation (the mechitzeh) were Orthodox to begin with. In Toronto, for instance, the largest and oldest Reform congregation, the Holy Blossom, commenced as an Orthodox one. I also recall the painful periods of the Beth Hamidrash Hagodel (McCaul St. Synagogue) and the Goel Tzedec (University Street Synagogue) during their transitional periods from Orthodox to Conservatism and their ultimate union into the present Beth Tzedec, the largest Conservative shul in Toronto. Similar experiences are to be found in Montreal and other Jewish communities in North America.

But, to their credit, they all acknowledged their reforms as departures from the Orthodox customs and the acceptance of the new denominational practice and philosophy. However, it is not clear whether the present leadership of the small First Narayav shul means to remain Orthodox, despite the innovation, which is a contradictory concept, or whether they intend to move their small shul into the Conservative or Reform areas. They can't have it both ways.

At this stage, even a child could see that I stuck my neck far out and will deserve the consequences that will follow. So, once again, why am I doing it? I do it because of my past personal associations with the late rabbi of the First Narayever shul, Reb Shloymele Langner, one of a number of sons of the older Stretiner Rebbe, who came to Toronto after the First World War and tried to transplant the Stretiner type of chassidism in Toronto.

By this time not only the casual but even my most loyal readers will wonder whether I'm not a bit off the straight and narrow path that I'm identified with. To all of them and to you I hasten to add that I still believe to be normal, but . . .

You see, my patient ones, I had a soft spot for Reb Shloymele, who filled the role of spiritual leader of the Narayever towards the end of his life.

Understand, please, that the early years of the Stretiner dynasty in the Canadian climate were filled with hardships. Thus it happened that when a rather thoughtless and insensitive Jewish entrepreneur removed the furnace blower from the Rebbe's home on a cold Saturday, because the Brunswicker Rebbe (as he was also called) could not meet the payments on that contraption I, who was then the alderman for the ward, turned heaven and earth to get the blower back.

I still recall the scene when I entered the Rebbe's freezing home. Reb Shloymele, bundled up in many coats, sat at his table poring over a sefer while his wife and children were in a neighboring home. My personal attitude to chassids had nothing to do with what had to be done to help this spiritual man and his family.

There were less dramatic experiences that I also remember and that nurtured my personal, human ties with him.

I also recall, on this occasion, another incident. I never sought nor did I expect any political kudos from my relations with Reb Shloymele. However, in one provincial election some of my political supporters who were also devout chassidim of the "Brunswicker" brought the following report.

It was after reading of the Torah on the Sabbath and before Mussaf. Reb Shloymele rose and said the following: "We all know that there is an election on. We all know that Mr. Salsberg is running for re-election. We all also know that his opponent's picture hangs on all trees and poles while Mr. Salsberg's pictures are displayed in all windows on the street. So I say — let's leave his opponent on the trees and poles and let's keep Mr. Salsberg in our homes. Nu . . . let's daven Mussaf."

My political supporters who were the Rebbe's chassidim vouched for every word that the Rebbe uttered on that occasion.

How, in the face of all that and more, can I be indifferent to the dispute that is now raging in the ranks of the Narayever when the minority fights its battle in the spirit and in the memory of Reb Shloymele — my friend and last spiritual leader of that synagogue? How can I?

My partisanship has nothing to do with equality of the sexes in the synagogues, but it has a lot to do with my loyalty to Reb Shloymele, who tried, in the face of enormous odds, to continue Stretiner traditions in this country. Blessed be his memory.

Arafat meets with Mubarak after evacuation

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on their own.

A month later, the Syrian-backed revolt against Arafat broke out in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley. It reached a climax last month when the rebels, aided by Syria and Libya, captured two pro-Arafat refugee camps near Tripoli and then besieged him and his loyalists before succeeding in kicking them out of Lebanon.

Although Arafat had grave doubts about Reagan's plan and even rejected it at several stages, the feeling was that he was prepared to compromise if necessary. The rebels were angered by his apparent reliance on diplomatic methods to achieve Palestinian sovereignty, even if Arafat himself voiced no public interest in a homeland and insisted on a state.

The rebels reject all talk of compromise with Israel, calling unabashedly for its destruction. Arafat, in his rhetoric, is not much different. As he departed from Lebanon, he declared: "The struggle is not over. We will continue until we reach Jerusalem, the capital of our Palestinian state."

However, Arafat leaves open the possibility of accepting a state on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip — a scheme which is at opposition with the Reagan plan, and Israeli policy.

It remains to be seen whether Arafat will scale down his demands still further when — and if — he starts talking with King Hussein, who has urged Israel to stop its settlement program on the West Bank.

Arafat's theoretical potential as a participant in Middle East peace talks prompted the Reagan administration to exert pressure on Israel to let him leave Tripoli alive.

For several days prior to his departure, the Israeli navy shelled that northern Lebanese port, sinking a freighter and setting a second one ablaze. In a separate development the Israeli air force pounded rebel Palestinian positions along the Beirut-Damascus highway.

The Israeli harassment, in the view of observers, was to cause Arafat anxiety and discomfort and to create doubt as to whether he could really escape unscathed.

The Israelis also wanted to demonstrate the point that Arafat, far from being able to go in triumph, was at the mercy of their naval blockade.

Israel, too, hoped to instigate more fighting between Arafat and his Palestinian opponents, who had threatened to attack him if he didn't meet their deadline.

No one believes that Israel seriously considered attacking Arafat's French-escorted, UN-sponsored flotilla on the high seas.

As Arafat finally left Tripoli, Israeli jets flew overhead, photographing the scene, and a bomb exploded in the heart of Beirut, killing 15 people. No one knows who planted the explosive device near French military headquarters. But the blast was indicative of the random violence which continues to beset Lebanon.

With Arafat safely ensconsed on a ship heading toward Egypt, Israeli Defence Minister Moshe Arens said in the Knesset that Israel would not allow rebel Palestinians to establish bases it vacated last September in the redeployment to lines south of the Awali River.

Arens also warned the Druze of the Shouf Mountains — and Syria — not to cooperate with Palestinians and Shiite guerrillas who have attacked Israeli troops in southern Lebanon. (See page 2.)

On the day, he spoke, Israeli war planes hit a former Lebanese army encampment near Baalbek, the region around which is under Syrian control. Israel claims that the base was a training area and a jumping off point for the suicide truck bomb assaults on American, French and Israeli command posts in October and November.

These kamakaze attacks killed 241 Americans, 59 Frenchmen, 29 Israelis and 32 Arabs. (Last week, an Israeli committee investigating the bombing concluded that negligence on Israel's part was a factor in the success of the operation, and directed Arens to deal with those who had acted "inappropriately . . .")

Arens was subjected to more criticism over Israel's handling of Arafat's evacuation.

Critics said that the naval bombardment of Tripoli on the eve of his flight reflected uncertainty and confused policy-making by the government, because Israel had finally permitted Arafat and his army to escape unharmed.

Replying to the charge, Arens said it would not have been "proper" for Israel to force a confrontation with France, whose war ships escorted the PLO leader out of Lebanese waters, and Greece, which supplied the vessels for the evacuation.

Critics also said an impression had been created that Israel backed off under U.S. pressure. Arens replied that Israel had exercised its military power in accordance with broader political goals.

Moscow lashes out

British cabinet posts attacked

LONDON —

A broadcast by Radio Moscow charged that the recent elevation of Leon Brittan and Nigel Lawson — both of whom are Jews — to senior British cabinet posts reflects "the growing Zionist influence" in the country's political life and had its basis in the "support of the Jewish bourgeoisie and the numerous Zionist organizations in Britain," the World Jewish Congress reported last week.

Following recent general elections in England, Prime Minister Thatcher appointed Brittan to the post of home secretary and Lawson as chancellor of the exchequer. Never before have two Jews simultaneously served in a British cabinet.

According to monitoring sources of the WJC, an English language broadcast by the overseas service of Radio Moscow entitled "Who Is Who In Britain" was beamed to England and carried the attacks against the two and their links to the "Zionist lobby."

The broadcast stressed the immigrant backgrounds of the two: Lawson's father coming from Latvia, Brittan's from Lithuania. It noted that "inconspicuous Conservatives such as Brittan and Lawson ascending to the pinnacle of power is by no means a miracle."

The broadcast then explained the reasons for their rise to prominence: "One contributing factor which is not taken into account as a rule is the support of the Jewish bourgeoisie and the numerous Zionist organizations in Britain which serve its interests. This factor reflects the growing Zionist influence in the country's political life. With their traditionally strong foothold in the Labor Party, the Zionist lobby is entrenching itself within the Conservative Party, as is seen from the outcome of the general elections."

To point up the inroads made by the Zionist lobby within the Conservative Party, the Soviet broadcast went on to note that before the 1970s "the Jewish bourgeoisie was represented by only two MPs in Parliament" but by 1983 the number was seventeen. In attacking the organization "Conservative Friends of Israel," it said that Thatcher, as a member of the organization, "is an active supporter of the policies of Israel's Zionist elite."

The radio commentary concluded by returning to a personal attack against Lawson and Brittan.

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Nicole and Yvette Rosenberg of Associated Hebrew Schools display their Van De Graaff generator at the school's annual science fair. [Ben Lechtman photo]

Science fair entries "are all winners"

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

If you have ever wondered what the best conditions are in which to grow beans or what kind of water plants like best, just ask the students from Associated Hebrew Schools Junior High on Bathurst St.

They answered these questions and many more at a science fair held in their school auditorium last week.

More than 500 students participated, with over 60 of the top experiments on display.

Monty Mazin, director of development and public relations for Associated Hebrew Schools, said that he "couldn't be prouder of these kids. They do a double program of Hebrew and English, and they also worked on this fair for months."

Parents, grandparents and friends crammed the auditorium and were amazed at the elaborate work put into all the science displays.

One of the winning entries, submitted by Michael Citron and Jason Zacks, demonstrated the effects of different kinds of water on plants. Not surprisingly, acidulated or salty water killed the plants. But they thrived just as well on Toronto tap water as on pure distilled water — and, after some hesitation, managed to adapt and survive even on a diet of polluted stream water.

"We did select some winners in different categories but as far as I'm concerned, they are all winners," Mazin said.

"These entries are all examples of what tremendous work kids can do if they put their minds to it," said Thelma Morris, a visitor at the fair. She said she came out of curiosity, but now knows a little more about caring for her plants.

Other displays covered a range of topics from aerodynamics to desalination of sea water to the most biodegradeable toilet paper (white, single or double ply).

David Hytman even produced a miniature hurricane.

The winners in the various categories were:

Grade 7: Biology, Shawn Langer, Ari Halberstadt, Robyn Farber; chemistry, David Cherkassky, Gidon Lenga; physics, Stephanie Norwich, Mike Ross, Paul Freedberg, Eric Golombek, Randy Corens.

Grade 8: Biology, Steven Volgy, David Wolle, Tobi Wunch, Jodi Pearl; chemistry, Debbie Segal, Alina Jurkowitz; physics, Eric Green, Robbie Backstein, David Hytman.

Grade 7: Biology, Michael Citron, Jason Zacks; chemistry, Neil Gotlieb; physics, Eric Epstein, Mike Kulik, Rachel Miskin.

Israel plans to introduce robot workers by 2000

JERUSALEM —

Israel, prompted by the increasing use of robots in industrialized countries, has plans of its own to introduce 1,000 of the mechanical workers by the end of the century.

At the Technion in Haifa, Prof. Yoram Koren, head of the Robotic Laboratory, and his team have recently broken new ground with their invention, the Unimatic Robot.

What does it do? Well, it won't bring in the morning paper, but it will determine the way industry manufactures products. Anyone in the field of automatic assembly-line manufacturing should shake the hand of the Technion's robot gripper, who can "handle" fragile items that are as thin as half the diameter of a human hair.

Rather than competing with the giant robot-makers of Japan and Germany, Koren has focused on creating robots for small-scale manufacturing and production.

With this target in mind, Koren was able to create computer-like programs which translate into improved control for robotic arms and sensors which endow robots with the ability to see, feel and hear. This enables the Unimatic robot "gripper" to manipulate delicate, easily crushed parts with great sensitivity.

What next? Future designs now in the works include a Florence Nightingale robot at your beck and call.

Based on the assumption that many patients suffering from chronic disabilities could be cared for at home rather than in the hospital, Koren is creating a nursing robot.

The project, expected to take three years to complete, will turn out a robot which can dispense medicine, open and close doors and windows and turn lights on and off.

The mechanical nurse will also be able to serve food and beverages, dial telephone numbers in response to spoken commands and entertain by reading books with the aid of a TV monitor.

Finally, still on the drawing board is a device that will assemble 20 components into a stove-top range. This "robot doctor" will be able to diagnose other robots' ills and instruct a technician how to cure them — in the eventuality that one of these mechanical helpers, being only a robot, comes down with the flu.

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By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

BETH AVRAHAM YAAKOV

Beth Avraham Yaakov Congregation of Toronto in Thornhill, is now accepting registration for the Sunday youth programs.

In addition to Sunday fun groups, activities include computer, kosher cooking, karate and modern dance courses. All have been extremely successful. Now the shul is adding an Israeli dance course.

The shul will be joining the Scout and Guide movement with programs for boys and girls from 5 through 10.

Sunday sessions start on Jan. 8. For detailed information call **Rabbi Manny Klein** at 886-3058 or 886-3810.

ISRAELI CLUB

Israelis, 55 years of age and over, who are looking for companionship and good Hebrew conversation, are invited to join the Israeli Club at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. Meetings are on Tuesday afternoons, 1.30-3 o'clock. For more information call **Tanya Kuchinsky** or **Ephraim Dloomy** at 789-5131, ext. 477.

HELP DISABLED AND SENIORS

Do you enjoy administrative work? Volunteers are needed to assist the disabled or seniors, 60 years and over, for the North York snow removal program.

Volunteers with good people-skills, (ability to speak Yiddish, Hebrew or Italian, an asset but not essential), who can help a few hours weekly, call the Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

FULL TIME MOTHERS PROGRAM

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am in co-operation with Jewish Family & Child Service will conduct a program for full time mothers, consisting of eight sessions, on Wednesday mornings beginning Jan. 18, 9.30-11.30. Focus will be on the pressures, joys and challenges facing young women who choose to be "stay at home moms."

The fee is $25 per person, and there is a nominal amount for baby sitting. Scholarships can be arranged. To register, call the synagogue office, 633-5500, or **Estelle Altman**, 638-7800.

EMUNAH-MIZRACHI WOMEN

Emunah-Mizrachi Women welcomed new members at a very special evening Dec. 13, in the head office, 3768 Bathurst St. Guest speaker was **Bea Rosenfield**, Mizrachi Women Toronto Council vice-president, who screened a comprehensive slide presentation of her recent trip to the World Emunah leadership seminar in Israel. The meeting was very well attended.

Prospective members are welcome to join existing chapters, or to inquire about new chapters which are being formed. For additional information phone 635-9847.

DORIS' MUSICAL VARIETY SHOW

Doris' Musical Variety Show of the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, that versatile group of senior entertainers under the direction of **Doris Fleishman** accompanied by pianist **Elaine Duff**, will be performing at the centre, 1003 Steeles Ave. W., on Wednesday, Jan. 4, at 1.30 p.m.

The group will be taking a well-deserved holiday during January and February, but bookings will continue to be accepted. Call 248-4764, 222-7422 or 633-2527.

MALE VOLUNTEER[S]

Your help is urgently needed as a special male friend to visit and share activities with two young men who have muscular dystrophy, both confined to wheelchairs (Lawrence/Allen Expressway area).

A volunteer visitor could spend a few hours weekly either in their home or the community.

If you can share some time to brighten their lives, call the Volunteer Centre, 481-6194.

NEW THORACIC SURGERY UNIT

Late last year the University of Toronto identified a need for a second thoracic surgery teaching unit in the Toronto Health Sciences Centre. Interested hospitals were invited to submit proposals which were evaluated by the faculty of medicine planning committee. Mount Sinai Hospital has been selected for the location of this new unit which will open in January.

JEWISH FEMINIST GROUP

All women are welcome when Holy Blossom Temple's Jewish Feminist Group celebrates Rosh Chodesh on Thursday, Jan. 5 at 8 p.m. Guest speaker, **Rabbi Lawrence Troster** of Beth Tzedec Congregation, will explain A Conservative Rabbi's Reaction to the Jewish Theological Seminary Vote to Ordain Women.

BATHURST HEIGHTS NIGHT SCHOOL

Bathurst Heights Night School can help you. For interest and recreation, there is a variety of 10-week courses from A to Y (auto to yoga) starting the week of Jan. 9. There are also grades 9-13 credit courses starting the week of Jan. 30. For registration information, call 789-0551 Monday through Friday during office hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) or come in person on registration night Tuesday, Jan. 3, from 7-9. The school is located at 640 Lawrence Ave. W.

CANADA WORLD YOUTH

Canada World Youth offers young Canadians between the ages of 17 and 20 the chance to participate in a cross-cultural program that enables them to learn about world development and to participate in volunteer work projects in communities in Canada and in a developing nation in Africa, Asia or Latin America. These young Canadians, joined by an equal number of exchange country participants, will spend seven months living and working in vastly different cultures and countries.

All costs during the program — food, lodging and transportation — are covered by CWY which is funded in part by the Canadian International Development Agency. The first program starts in July and the second in September. Deadline for receipt of applications for both programs is Jan. 15.

Application forms and more information are available from the CWY Ontario Regional office at 627 Davenport Rd., Toronto, M5R 1I2.

HAVE YOU BEEN SAVED BY CPR?

CPR — cardio pulmonary resuscitation — saves lives. While it is primarily first aid for heart attack, it can be a lifesaver in a number of medical emergencies including electric shock, drowning and choking. That is why the city of Toronto department of public health wants all Torontonians to take advantage of its free CPR courses. **And that's where you come in.** Health department staff is searching for people who have been saved by CPR to participate in a program promoting the city's CPR courses.

If CPR saved your life, call **Charlotte Empey** at Toronto City Hall at 947-7795 and help spread the good word.

REENA PARENT SHARING

Reena Foundation presents the third in a series of Parent Sharing programs for parents of mentally handicapped people.

There will be a discussion of year-round recreational opportunities for mentally handicapped people, focusing on recreation in the city of North York and Camp Reena. Representatives from North York Parks and Recreation, the Jewish Community Centre and Camp Reena, will be available to answer all questions.

If you are interested in learning more about social programs for mentally handicapped people, please come out on Monday, Jan. 9, to 99 Cartwright Ave. at 7.45 p.m.

There is no charge, and everyone is welcome.

CHILD RESTRAINT LEGISLATION

The second phase of child restraint legislation which recently became effective, states that toddlers weighing between 9 kg (20 lbs) and 18 kg (40 lbs) must be secured in an appropriate car seat whenever traveling in their parents' or legal guardian's vehicle. In all other private vehicles they must be secured by a lap belt.

For maximum safety it is imperative for every parent to instal the car seat(s) exactly according to the manufacturer's instructions. It is important to use the tether strap which bolts to the vehicle body, to prevent the seat from pitching forward or sideways upon impact.

SHAAREI SHOMAYIM ADULT EDUCATION

Shaarei Shomayim Congregation's adult education winter semester encompasses a variety of interests.

Monday evening groups include the following: How to be a Jewish Philosopher, with **Dr. Daniel J. Lasker**, six sessions, Jan. 9-Feb. 13, 8 p.m.; Great Moments in Jewish Music — Part II with **Cantor Harold Klein**, six sessions, Jan. 8-Feb. 13, 8 p.m.; Talmud Tractate Brachot with **Rabbi Henry Hoschander**, an advanced level course continuing from Jan. 9, 8 p.m.; The Jewish Life Cycle with Rabbi Hoschander, six sessions, Jan. 9-Feb. 13, 9 p.m.; and The Trials of Abraham with **Dr. Judith Siegel**, six sessions, Jan. 9-Feb. 13, 9 p.m.

Wednesday evening programs are: Selected Problems in Jewish Ethics with **Rabbi Howard Sacknowitz**, six sessions, Jan. 11-Feb. 15, 8 p.m.; The Book of Numbers with **Rabbi Elliott Diamond**, six sessions, Jan. 11-Feb. 15, 9 p.m.; Talmud Tractate Rosh Hashanah, with Rabbi Sacknowitz, a continuing series starting Jan. 11, 9 p.m.

Weekly morning classes will be: Hebrew Reading with Cantor Klein, Mondays, 9.30 a.m.; Sisterhood Study Group with Rabbi Hoschander, alternate Tuesdays, 9.30 a.m.; Daf Yomi Shiur, early morning Talmud study, daily 6.30 a.m.

Shabbat Shiurim for this semester will focus on Chumash and Rashi, one hour before Shacharit; Shiur in Kohellet and Shir Ha'shirim, one hour before Mincha; Rambam's Mishne Torah, one hour before Mincha; Shiur for high school students, one hour before Mincha.

SNOWBIRDS INVITED

The South Florida Chapter of the American Committee for Shaare Zedek Hospital invites Canadian friends of the Shaare Zedek Medical Centre of Jerusalem to its seventh annual Woman of the Year luncheon on Wednesday, Jan. 25, at Temple Emanu-El, Miami Beach. Torontonian **Bertha Sokol** will serve as hostess for the "Canadian corner."

To inquire further, call the Miami office at (305) 531-8329.

LEAH POSLUNS THEATRE

"Run Jacob run." . . . these were the last words that Jacob's mother said to him as the Germans moved into his small home town in Poland at the beginning of the Second World War.

Run Jacob, Run!!! is a full length mime play incorporating music, song and voice. **Zwi Kanar**, who now lives in New York, wrote, directed and performs in this play. He also composed and recorded a Polish song for it.

A bittersweet, autobiographical drama, the work is based on Kanar's experiences growing up as a Jewish child in pre-war Poland, surviving Buchenwald, several other concentration camps and the Death March. It is his personal statement about growing up in hell . . . his message to the world about the Holocaust.

Preview is Jan. 11. The opening is Jan. 12 and the play continues until Feb. 9.

Tickets are available at the box office or through any BASS outlet. For more information call **Leslie** at 636-2720.

ISRAELI FOLK DANCE WORKSHOP

Israeli Folk Dance Workshop/84, organized by the dance department of the Koffler Centre of the Arts, 4588 Bathurst St., will be held Jan. 3, 8 and 11.

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DREA FOR TEA

Frank Drea [centre], provincial minister of community and social services, was guest of honor at the Simcha Tea held at the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, to thank volunteers for their services. He is seen with Aaron Brotman, chairman of Creative Living, and Belle Orson, chairman of the members' council.

CAMPAIGN APPOINTMENT

Sam H. Blank, left, national president of the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation, has announced the appointment of Alex Grossman, at right, as campaign chairman and Edward L. Greenspan and Valerie Fine, as co-chairmen for the May 6 dinner at the Royal York Hotel honoring Sara and Al Waxman. The event concludes a campaign to establish the Sara and Al Waxman Centre for Maternal and Fetal Medicine at Shaare Zedek Medical Centre in Jerusalem.

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Yaacov Eden, director of the Fred Berk Israeli Folk Dance Workshop, Blue Star Camp, North Carolina, and also director of Aman, one of the leading performance folk dance troupes in the United States, will put dancers through their paces.

Workshop hours and costs are Saturday, 8 p.m., $5; Sunday, 2.30-5 p.m. and 7-9.30 p.m., $4 each; Wednesday, 8-10.30 p.m., $4. Registered Wednesday night Folk Dance class, $2. Complete weekend workshop is $11.50.

Saturday and Wednesday sessions will be held at the northern branch JCC, and Sunday's session will be at the Bloor branch, 750 Spadina Ave.

For additional information contact **Teme Kernerman**, 636-1880, ext. 339 or 261.

for seniors

Reservations are a must for **Beth Tzedec Friendship Club + 50's** Musicale Luncheon, Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 12.15 p.m. in the banquet hall. **Karen Bender** (the beautiful voice in the choir) will sing lieder. Cost is $5. Phone 781-3511.

Happenings at **Shalom Village**, 70 Macklin St. N. in Hamilton include the following: Commencing Monday, Jan. 2 at 9 a.m., **Romeo** the barber visits on the first Monday of each month to keep the gentlemen trimmed and handsome; Tuesday, Jan. 3 and continuing each Tuesday at 6.30 p.m., the Happy Hebrew Hour with volunteer **Esther Hartel** provides a time to learn, sing songs and have fun, all in Hebrew; Wednesday, Jan. 4, the Jewish Cultural Hour, led by **Gloria Silverman**, offers an opportunity to enjoy and explore our Jewish culture; Thursday, Jan. 5 at 7.30 p.m. presents another kind of exploration — investigating Canada's wilderness with films from Canada Trust — this week featuring The Wild Pacific Shore.

Holy Blossom Alumni, your plus 59 club, welcomes everyone to its meetings which take place Wednesdays at 1.30 p.m. in the Philip Smith Foyer. On Jan. 4, **Fred Ellis** of the Metropolitan Toronto Safety Council, will give a talk and slide presentation on safety, Walking Defensively in Metro.

Ballroom dancing under the direction of **Ada Goldblatt**, is now in full swing at **Earl Bales Senior Place**, Wednesday evenings, 7.30-9.30. Come out and have an enjoyable evening.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club will continue its Jewish literature and discussion program with **Nat Garnick** on Monday, Jan. 9 at 1 p.m. Ongoing programs are dancercise on Monday and Thursday mornings resuming Jan. 5, 10.30-11.30; folkdancing with **Al Gladstone** resuming Wednesday, Jan. 4, 12.15-1.15 p.m., and oil painting class on Thursdays at 1 p.m.

There are a few openings for the Purim tour to Israel and London March 12-April 1. For more information on this tour, be sure to attend the orientation meeting in the synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. on Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 1.30 p.m. A discussion of the trip will be followed by a film on Israel. Refeshments will be served. If you are interested in the trip, call **Merle** at 499-4400.

singles

Club Amal (26-40) invites all singles and single parents from southern Ontario and western New York to attend its New Year's Eve house party. Admission is $3. For more details on this party and other events, phone **Sheldon** at 653-1381. Sponsor is Canadian Friends of Amal.

Dimensions Extravagant Singles Travel Group (ages 20-35) is now in full motion. Monthly meetings provide some ideas on future trips, also coffee houses, dances and other outings. The next trip will be discussed on Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 8 p.m., in the B'nai B'rith Building, 15 Hove St. (Bathurst and Sheppard). For additional information, call **Marshal** at 669-9388 or 669-9389 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or 222-1352.

Holy Blossom Temple 40+ Singles schedules bridge for beginners, intermediate and advanced players, with lessons by an expert instructor, every Thursday evening, except Dec. 29. This is an opportunity to combine cards with conviviality. To inquire further call 638-5092.

Join **Holy Blossom Single/Single Parents Group** for bowling every Thursday at 9 p.m., Bathurst St. Bowlerama, Glencairn and Bathurst. See old friends and meet new ones. Coffee is served afterward. Call **Harold** at 635-0446 after 6 p.m. for additional information.

Jewish singles **Project Connect** needs telephone volunteers interested in providing information, referrals and details of activities to Jewish singles. Call 731-4600 mornings for more information. . . . Project Connect's Reconnect, a life skills group for recently divorced and separated Jewish women under 55 will begin six consecutive Tuesday sessions Feb. 14, 7.30-10 p.m. To inquire further call 731-4600. . . . Are you wondering where to turn in the Jewish singles community for emotional support (one to one program)? For information, referral and details of activities, call the telephone line at 731-4600 and 731-4601 Tuesday and Thursday 6-9 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Stan Glass Social and Travel Association for singles of all ages, has planned another social and travel evening for Monday, Jan. 9, 8 p.m., at Earl Bales Community Centre, Bathurst and Sheppard. Space is limited for the Quebec Winter Carnival on Feb. 3 and 10. Please reserve on or before Jan. 9. For social functions, trip information, membership and more details about the association, contact **Stan Glass**, 638-0747 or 593-0600.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

Dance to the music of the Creative Band at the next Sunday night Dance Party, Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W., Jan. 1, 7.30 p.m. Dances are held every two weeks and admission is $2 per person for members, $2.50 for guests. (Be sure to bring your membership card). Refreshments may be purchased at the snack bar.

The community is invited to a lecture on lifestyle, Deal Yourself Another Hand, to be given by TV host and moderator **Len Rubenstein**, Tuesday, Jan. 3, from 10 a.m. to noon. There is no charge.

at the jcc

A collection of portraits and landscapes painted in Rio de Janeiro and Toronto by watercolorist **Gertrude Kearns**, will be displayed at the Koffler Loggia Gallery, Koffler Centre of the Arts, 4588 Bathurst St., Jan. 5 to Jan. 29. Viewing hours are Monday to Thursday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and 6 to 9 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m. to noon; Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Saturday.

The artist will be in attendance on Sunday, Jan. 8, 15, 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesday, Jan. 10, 17, 24, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information call 636-2145.

At the Bloor branch — Registration is now open for continuing adult education programs. Courses include introduction to micro-computers, photography, pottery and home renovations. . . . A special program for teens 12-14 years, is being offered under the supervision of **Jacob Gewarter**. It will enrich the participants, exposing them to nature, animals and the wonderful world in and outside of Toronto. Meetings will be on Sundays, 2-5 p.m., beginning Jan. 15, for 10 weeks. Cost is $35 for JCC members and $50 for non-members. . . . The Bloor JCC Book Club will be discussing **Elie Wiesel's**, The Testament, on Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 7 p.m. in the board room. Pre-registration is necessary. . . . Anyone interested in supervised duplicate bridge may attend the Wednesday evening session under the direction of **Rose Laucke**. . . . The Bloor JCC announces the inauguration of a physical educational program for stroke victims. Meetings are on Mondays and Fridays from 1.30-3.30 p.m. Cost is $40 annually. . . . Contact **Mark Egan** at the Bloor office, 924-6211 for all program information and registration.

A new art tour program of the Koffler Gallery begins on Tuesday, Jan. 10. **Pat Fleisher**, publisher/editor of Art Post, will conduct 8-session guided tours to some of Toronto's top art galleries and studios. Fee is $55 JCC members and $65 for non-members. Pre-registration is necessary. For more information call 636-1880, ext. 243 or 279. . . . A special music program for 3- to 5-year-olds will be given by the early childhood education department, starting Jan. 4 and 5. Your child will be delighted with music specialist **Doug Barr**. For more information call **Orian Feldman**, 636-1880, ext. 232. . . . There are still a few openings in Cookie Cutters (cooking for kids) Tuesday, 1.45 p.m. or Wednesday, 9.30 a.m. Call Orian. . . . Children 8- to 12-years-old, will enjoy learning Israeli dances and will also represent the JCC at Rikudiyah, Canada's largest children's Israeli folkdance festival held in Toronto during March. Eight sessions — start Sunday, Jan. 15, 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. at 4588 Bathurst St. JCC members $12, non-members $15. For additional information contact **Teme Kernerman**, 636-1880, ext. 339 or 261. . . . The Public Affairs and Continuing Education (PACE) department, Koffler Centre, is offering an 8-session course, Children the Challenge, by **Rudolph Dreikurs**, starting Jan. 9 from 9.30-11 a.m. This is a common sense approach to understanding children's misbehavior, motivation and discipline. Instructor is **Adrienne Slan**. Cost to JCC members is $45, non-members $60. To inquire further call 636-1880, ext. 233 or 243. . . . Registration is now taking place for beginner and intermediate Hebrew classes offered by PACE. The program starts the week of Jan. 9. — 20 sessions. JCC members $75, non-members $100. For more information call 636-1880, ext. 233 or 243. . . . An Effective Communications Course given by PACE commences Tuesday, Jan. 10, from 9.30-11.30 a.m. Instructor is **Georgine Nash**. JCC members $50, non-members $65.

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NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mark Seal, business manager of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency (JTA), based in New York, has been named its executive director.

Born in Montreal, Seal studied at Herzliah High School and McGill University. He lived in Israel for four years at Kibbutz Gezer, where he was treasurer. While in Israel he studied management and finance at The Ruppin Institute.

On his return to North America, Seal worked as a campus outreach professional at the Jewish Association for College Youth in New York. Subsequently he was business director at the Jewish Frontier, the American Labor Zionist journal.

Seal has been working at JTA since October 1982. JTA supplies news service to the Anglo-Jewish press, including The CJN.

In announcing Seal's appointment, **Martin Fox**, JTA president said: "This change is part of the ongoing JTA operational program to assure that it is the most effective news agency providing in depth and scope the activities of the worldwide Jewish community."

BBG PRESIDENT IN TORONTO

Lake Ontario Region of B'nai B'rith Girls will, in January, be welcoming to Toronto, **Brenda Fishman**, the international president of B'nai B'rith Girls.

Brenda Fishman

Brenda is the highest elected officer of the worldwide organization of Jewish teen-agers with 15,000 members in Canada, the United States, Europe and Israel.

A freshman student at the University of California, she has held many leadership positions in her four years in BBG, most recently serving as director of BBG's Soviet Jewry program.

In Toronto, Brenda will meet with many of the 700 members of B'nai B'rith Youth from this city. She will also participate in the first BBG Spirit Day on Jan. 22, to highlight the activities of B'nai B'rith Girls.

HEBREW U ALUMNI

Approximately 750 Canadians who have studied at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem now have an alumni association to keep them in touch with each other and with the university. Executive members seen here are from left to right, David Goodbaum, treasurer; Gary Opolsky, president; Reena Zeidman, program director; Jack Hauer, an associate governor on the university's board of governors; and Mark Buck, communications director. The first alumni event in Toronto is planned for February. A group is forming in Montreal and attempts are being made to contact alumni across Canada. Call or write Mark Buck, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, 1 Yorkdale Rd., Suite 208, Toronto M6A 3A1 [phone 416-789-2633] for more information.

TENNIS FOUNDERS

Toronto area participants in the 8th annual Israel Tennis Centres' Founders Tour attended the dedication of the new educational building at the Haifa Israel Tennis Centre recently. From left to right are Estelle and Marv Kates, Budgie and Joseph Frieberg [chairman of the board, Israel Tennis Centre], and Beenie and Stan Alter.

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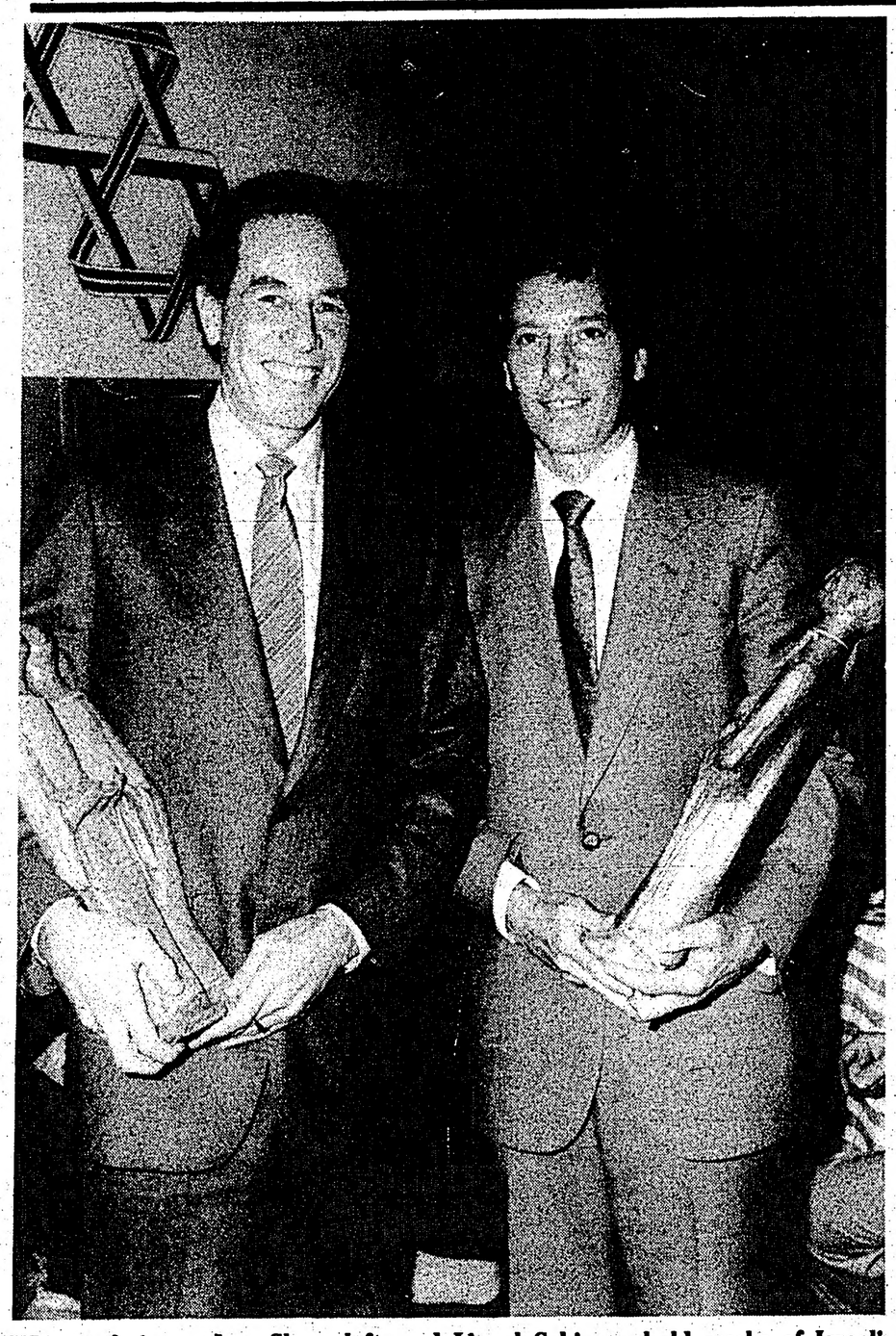

UJA co-chairmen Issy Sharp left, and Lionel Schipper hold works of Israeli sculpture presented to them at 1984 closing function. [Graphic Artists photo]

Nat Hurwich, left, accepts first annual United Jewish Appeal Chairman's Award from Issy Sharp. [Graphic Artists photo]

Cited for "incredible performance"

Hurwich wins UJA award

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO — Nathan O. Hurwich was presented with the first annual United Jewish Appeal Chairman's Award at the 1984 UJA campaign closing function, capping a month in which he had been singled out in recognition for his efforts on behalf of the Jewish National Fund and his election as president of the Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library.

In a warm tribute to Hurwich, 1984 UJA campaign co-chairman Issy Sharp cited the honoree's "incredible performance in covering more than 400 cards and getting increases" during the course of the campaign.

"On Super Sunday," Sharp told the gathering that filled the main hall of Beth Tzedec Synagogue, "Nat was on the telephone for ten straight hours and hasn't let up yet."

It was Hurwich's first outing since his release from hospital following surgery a week prior to the closing function. Sharp related how "on the day Nat was scheduled to enter hospital, he came to a breakfast meeting to see what more he could do to help us out."

Hurwich was presented with an Israeli handcrafted menorah as the "number one campaigner of the year."

Dr. Gerald Halbert, president of UJA of Metropolitan Toronto and a past campaign chairman, paid tribute to Sharp and his co-chairman Lionel Schipper "for their outstanding effort" in heading the 1984 campaign. He presented each of them with a piece of Israeli sculpture on behalf of UJA.

Gella Rothstein, Women's Division chairman, also received an original Israeli sculpture, presented to her by Lionel Schipper.

During the evening Schipper welcomed UJA veteran Stephen E. Berger who had to curtail his active campaign involvement this year due to ill health.

"Where else would Stephen's first outing be but to a UJA function," said Schipper.

Chairman for the evening was Adrienne Offman who heads up the campaign executive.

Israel entitled to 100% loyalty

Diaspora split poses threat

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — One of the greatest threats to the State of Israel — and one of the greatest problems within the Jewish community in the Diaspora — is posed by divisions within the Jewish community in the Diaspora.

This was the view of Monty Robins, executive director of the Canadian Zionist Federation, Central Region, speaking at the first of this season's Jewish Community Centre cultural arts programs here.

Discussing Zionism In The Diaspora, 5744 — Problems And Challenges, at Temple Anshe Sholom, Robins said, "with the whole world ranged against it, either openly or less so, Israel is entitled to 100% loyalty from its brethren in the Diaspora."

The main thrust of Arab propaganda, he said, has been to divide Jews within the Diaspora and to divide Jews in the Diaspora from Israel. This propaganda, "has not, unfortunately, been without its success.

"One of the major concerns of Zionism in the Diaspora is not the Arabs, nor the PLO and certainly not the naive talk of the Prime Minister of Canada or the minister for external affairs, but the criticism expressed by far too many Jewish leaders in the Diaspora towards a democratically elected government of Israel."

Point accusing fingers

He was concerned, he said, about Jews in North America "crying out at meetings for Peace Now, responding to Arab propaganda that Israel does not want peace . . . thus creating a divisiveness the anti-Jewish media is very happy to spread in headlines across the front pages."

Robins deplored the "misguided Jews who, in the name of so-called humanity to the Palestinians, constantly point accusing fingers at the State of Israel and those who publicly flaunt their pathetic little consciences, particularly when the media are around."

He is not concerned, said Robins, about what other governments do or say about Israel, but what does cause him concern is the "furor created among far too many Jews when Israel does something that is good for Israel."

From Ben-Gurion to Begin, he declared, "the State of Israel has been blessed with leaders who had the courage and tenacity to defy the greatest odds and it is only for that reason that the State of Israel survives today."

Reminding his audience that Israel is surrounded by 21 countries dedicated to her destruction — countries that "clearly and continually state they regard themselves as being in a state of war with Israel" — he emphasized that every action by Jews or Zionists in the Diaspora must be measured against this fact.

"A lot of people seem to forget that," he added.

"History has always told the world, and particularly the Jewish people, that the biggest contributors to peace are those with the courage and backbone to face the bullets of the world square on, neither to appease nor to compromise."

One of the prime roles of Zionism in the Diaspora in the year 5744, advised Robins, should be "to examine the moral support for the government of Israel, which is duly elected in a proper and democratic manner."

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Nurses play-act real-life situations

Hospital's program helps ease fear for children

By
LEAH BELFON

TORONTO —
Every year thousands of youngsters are rushed to emergency rooms. Thousands more enter hospitals for tests and surgical procedures.

Playing doctor — or even visiting the pediatrician — bears little semblance to actual hospitalization. No play bandages or jellybean "pills" here: now the broken bones are real . . . and they hurt. The huge X-ray machine is imposing. Oxygen masks are frightening. Pills are hard to swallow, and bitter, too.

All too often, the fear — and the bitterness — are reflected in the feelings of a young child who has to go to hospital. But for the past eight years, a program of Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children has taught thousands of youngsters what to expect at the hospital — whether their admission is planned or an emergency.

Ann Kinney is one of several nurses who volunteer their time through the Ladies' Auxiliary to familiarize children with what happens in hospitals. "Through play-acting and demonstration," said Mrs. Kinney, "we acquaint the boys and girls with hospital life."

Kinney recently visited the nursery and kindergarten classes of Eitz Chaim Schools, at both the Viewmount and Willowdale branches. In each class she dressed up children as doctors and nurses, and explained why medical staff dress as they do.

The children were fascinated as Mrs. Kinney told them how wearing masks stops the spread of germs and why hospital workers wash their hands all the time.

Kinney passed around a stuffed toy, Curious George, who had a small cast on his leg. She explained that George had broken a bone, and held up an X-ray film that showed the break. She also told the youngsters just how a cast speeds healing.

"I like to teach by having the children get involved," Kinney said. "That's why I let each child listen to his or her own heartbeat with a real stethescope." The kids enjoyed sharing their experiences with the nurse as she told them all about stitches, having a blood test and being given oxygen.

Kinney made special efforts to ensure that every child knew that a skull and crossbones on a product meant it was poisonous and should never be touched.

She also made it quite clear that no child should ever play with matches. "Burns are terrible," she said, and the children's reaction showed they understood.

The Eitz Chaim visits were arranged by Lillian Bobrowsky, Laya Nussbaum and Rochelle Weinberg of the preschool department. Weinberg knows the value of the program first-hand:

"A couple of years ago Mrs. Kinney visited my son Yudi's class. She came with her big bag of medical equipment and showed the children how everything worked.

"Two days later Yudi hurt himself and had to be rushed to hospital in an ambulance. Luckily, the injury turned out to be relatively minor. But it was marvelous how well prepared Yudi was. He didn't cry or panic. He understood that the doctors and nurses were trying to help him. No matter how much praise I give this program, it could never be enough."

Curious George gets a lot of love and care to go with the cast on his right leg, from nurse Ann Kinney and three "emergency room staffers" in Eitz Chaim's kindergarten. [Graphic Artists photo]

CONGRESS CALENDAR
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Jan. 3	T'nach Study Group, Toronto Jewish Cultural Council, Lecturer, Dr. Daniel Lasker, Book of Ezekiel, Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St., 8 p.m.
Jan. 9	PACE, Koffler Centre of the Arts, Hebrew for Beginners, 4588 Bathurst St., 7:30 p.m., continuing. Fee.
Jan. 10	Board of Jewish Education, public lecture, Dr. Moses Tendler, 4600 Bathurst St., Conference Centre, 8 p.m.
Jan. 13	Temple Sinai, annual Ruth Mendelsohn Concert, string orchestra with soloist Morry Kernerman, under the direction of Victor Feldbrill. 210 Wilson Ave., 9 p.m.
Jan. 14	Beth Tzedec Synagogue, Shabbat study luncheon. Guest speaker, Donald Carr. "A Second Look at the Media and Lebanon." 1700 Bathurst St. For reservations, 781–3511.
Jan. 17	Holocaust Committee, "Second Generation," Conference Centre, 4600 Bathurst St., 8 p.m.
Jan. 17	T'nach Study Group, Toronto Jewish Cultural Council, Lecturer, Dr. Libby Garshowitz, Book of Ezekiel, Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St., 8 p.m.
Jan. 17	Holy Blossom Temple, "Candlelight and Wine - not only for Lovers," Guest speaker Rabbi Daniel Komito Gottlieb, 1950 Bathurst St., 8 p.m.
Jan. 24	Holy Blossom Temple, "More than a Mazel Tov," Guest speaker, Joan Kagan, 1950 Bathurst St., 8 p.m.
Jan. 31	Holy Blossom Temple, "From Your Mouth to God's Ear - Really?" Guest speaker, Dinah Kerzner, 1950 Bathurst St., 8 p.m.
Jan. 31	T'nach Study Group, Toronto Jewish Cultural Council, Lecturer, Victor Sefton, Book of Ezekiel, Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St., 8 p.m.

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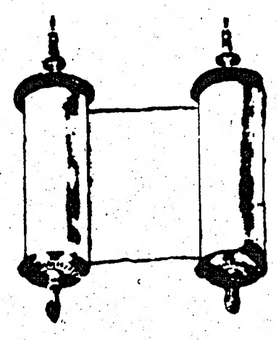

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Va'eirah

Freedom is wonderful — but freedom to do what?

We must use our days to hasten the Redemption.

The Jews of the Austro-Hungarian empire rejoiced when they were finally granted equal rights. But when the news reached the famed Chasam Sofer, he wept. "Rabbi," his students asked, "why do you weep?"

The sage answered in a parable: A friend of a king sinned against him, and was thrown into a dank jail cell, crawling with rodents. The king promised though that eventually he would be freed.

After a while, the prisoner heard a great deal of commotion outside the cell, and his door was flung open. Porters entered to clean the cell, put down nice carpets, paint — made it habitable. When the prisoner saw what was happening, he cried.

"Why are you crying?" they asked him, puzzled. "We thought you would appreciate our improvements!"

He answered: "As long as I was in a terrible jail cell, I had hopes that I would soon be released. But now that I see you are making the cell so comfortable, I have yet to sit for a long time."

"So also," explained the Chasam Sofer, "the Talmud teaches that 'if you see a generation that has tzores come upon it like a river, look out for him (the Messiah) . . .' I am afraid that this decree is a sign that we must still wait . . ."

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Consider . . . the Jews were in bondage in Egypt. Moses and Aaron went to rescue them. Everywhere Moses is mentioned before his brother Aaron. But then the Torah, when describing the family, announces: "Hu Aron u'Moshe . . . this is Aaron and Moses . . ." Aaron before Moses. Why?

But — explains the Tosefta — this is to teach that Aaron and Moses were equal, each was "shakul," the same as the other.

The disciples of the Chozeh of Lublin asked him: "Rabbi, how is it possible for two people to be exactly equal? We are taught that just as no two faces are exactly the same, so also no two minds work the same. How could Moses and Aaron be like one?"

He answered: "Two opinions cannot be the same if each person considers himself a 'somebody,' a 'yeish,' that his opinion counts more than anyone else's. But both Moses and Aaron cried: 'V'nachnu mah! What are we! Who are we!' When a person holds himself small, less than dust and ashes, then he can be one with another."

Every Jew has an opinion. Everyone wants his say. But we must learn humility, compromise, understanding, patience, working together, forgiveness, helping, uniting in Israel and in the galus . . . And then the Messiah can come.

May we love one another. Shabbat Shalom.

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Canadian investment to increase

Bank presents a healthy picture

TORONTO —

Bank Hapoalim (Canada) will increase its capital investment in the Canadian operation by 50% next year, according to Ephraim Reiner, chairman of Bank Hapoalim B.M. Israel and of the Canadian subsidiary.

Reiner told a recent dinner meeting of businessmen at the King Edward Hotel that after its first full fiscal year of operation the Canadian bank is already in the black which, he said, is a better record than normal for the banking industry. As a rule, he added, it takes two or three years to achieve this.

Reiner said Bank Hapoalim B.M. now has assets of $24 billion U.S. and last year showed a net profit of $138 million U.S. after taxes.

Discussing the Israeli economy Reiner said that on the surface, it has many problems: high inflation, a huge foreign debt and a deficit in the balance of trade.

But, he said, the statistics can be misleading. The way to judge Israel is by the quality of its business community and work force and by its adaptability to change. And in this regard, Israel has the potential for an extremely prosperous economy, Reiner said.

He pointed out that the agricultural industry started out in pre-state Palestine in primitive fashion just 50 years ago — "and I sat on Israel's first tractor only after 1948" — but now the country exports not only food but agricultural knowhow and equipment. Israel-developed irrigation systems have been sold to farmers in Arizona, California and Florida.

In textiles, Reiner said, Israel started 30 years ago with spinning and weaving and now has a healthy export trade in all types of fashions.

A major breakthrough has been made in the manufacture of hi-tech products and Israel exports software to industries all over the world and is now making its own hardware. Israel exports pharmacueticals, chemicals and diagnostic equipment. An Israel-made scanner is being used in Toronto General Hospital, he pointed out.

He acknowledged that Israel is now going through a difficult period financially "but we have the basic factors and ability to overcome our difficulties," he declared. "We are working on expanding our exports and contracting domestic consumption. I am hopeful that by next year we will have overcome many of our problems."

Turning to inflation, Reiner said Israel hopes to concentrate on increasing productivity as the best method of lowering the inflation rate and expressed the view this might be more effective than creating unemployment. He said another technique might be to eliminate Israel's system of linkage with the cost of living. This, he added, was done by Finland and inflation there was knocked down in a few weeks.

Yaacov Pachter, who heads the Canadian operation, spoke briefly, pointing out that Bank Hapoalim is a "net lender" to the international banking system. Pachter's efforts in putting the Canadian operation in the black so quickly were praised by Reiner.

Talking business at a dinner meeting of Bank Hapoalim [Canada] are, from left, Bernard Herman, Ephraim Reiner, Yaacov Pachter and Richard Shiff. [Graphic Artists photo]

Urges more immigration

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Canada will suffer both economically and socially if we fail to increase the number of immigrants allowed into the country, says Mendel Green, a prominent Toronto immigration lawyer.

Speaking at a Men's Club breakfast at Beth Sholom Synagogue last week, Green said that "we Canadians desperately need immigration to remain a viable economic and social community."

Green, who once stopped a plane on the runway at Toronto International Airport to prevent the deportation of an illegal immigrant and whose father came to Canada as an illegal immigrant says that immigrants are "a credit to this country."

"The contributions immigrants have made to Toronto have been phenomenal," said Green. "The Jews made Spadina Ave. into a flourishing manufacturing community and when they hit hard financial times, Chinese immigrants moved in and opened up shops."

He added that Portuguese immigrants have revitalized Kensington Market.

Green says he is in a constant battle with immigration authorities but admits that there is a "tremendous refugee policy enshrined in Canada's Immigration Act."

"Any refugee can come to our shores and find a home. We have made great strides," Green said.

He stressed that immigrants do not take jobs from Canadians, but rather take jobs that Canadians refuse. "Since April, 1982 the government has ruled that no one can come to Canada who may take a job from a Canadian.

"Immigrants have a work ethic that Canadians would do well to learn from," Green said.

He added that there are many Canadians who will accept aid from the government before accepting a job they feel may be beneath them.

"Canada brings in thousands of contract laborers each year to pick crops because we Canadians would rather get pogey than pick peaches," Green continued.

"I see nothing but a bright and beautiful future from immigrants. We should welcome them with open arms."

Green said Canada is a "beautiful mixture of cultures" and we must be respectful of all of them.

"We have to put the word prejudice away."

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Israel has lived up to its promises

Professor sees aliya as new model for Judaism

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
Jews should consider someone making aliya as the new model for Judaism, according to Emil Fackenheim, professor of philosophy at the University of Toronto.

"Today, every person should, in his mind's eye, see himself on aliya to Israel," Fackenheim told a recent gathering at the Zionist Centre.

Fackenheim, internationally renowned for his work on Jewish theology, made his comments at a special "community celebration" held in his honor shortly before he moved to Israel. Also addressing the audience were the consul - general of Israel, Gideon Saguy and economics professor Noah Meltz of the University of Toronto.

Fackenheim said that "galut-Judaism has come to an end."

He said during the Exile, the Torah was the "sole portable fatherland" of the Jewish people and the "talmid chacham" [learned student] was the "model of the Jews." Today, with the creation of the State of Israel, the "model of the Jew . . . is the one who gets on aliya."

Fackenheim said that even though the "Zionist enterprise" is surrounded by "implacable foes," now is the time to make aliya.

He warned against adopting what he called "the Yohanan ben Zakai complex." During the siege of ancient Jerusalem by the Romans, Yohanan ben Zakai left the city in a coffin to plead with the Roman general Vespasian to permit Jewish schools after Jerusalem was destroyed. Fackenheim asked: "How can you, when danger threatens, withdraw? Now is the time to go forward."

He said since the Yom Kippur War there has been a "crisis among Jews committed to Israel." As an example, he told a story of a Toronto father who asked his son not to go to Israel during the war. He did so, Fackenheim said, not just because he was afraid his son would be killed, but because he worried that if Israel lost the war, then "we need good Jews to perpetuate Judaism over here."

At least in ancient times, Fackenheim said, Zakai waited until Jerusalem was in imminent danger before "hedging his bets."

Fackenheim told the audience that "even if Israel has shortcomings, it is the centre of Jewish life everywhere."

He added: "If we judge the Zionist dream in the light of 20th century realities we would find that Israel has lived up to the promises of its founders."

He said Herzl's dream of achieving normalcy and human dignity for Jews has been achieved.

Several people were moved to tears when Fackenheim told the story of an archivist at Yad Vashem going over a record from a Nuremberg trial. The archivist read how a Russian prosecutor could not believe a Polish witness' testimony that the Nazis threw children, still alive, into the ovens of a death camp.

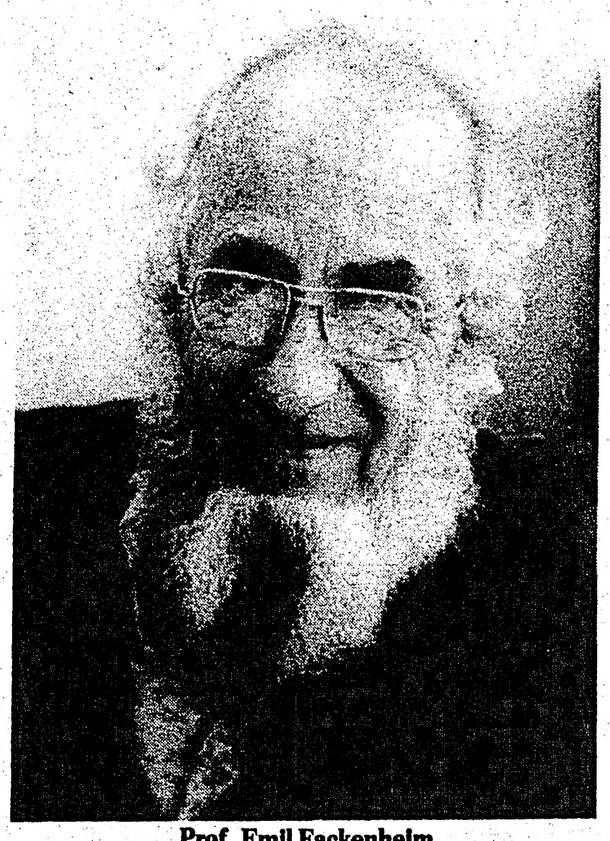
"Why did they do it," he asked.

"I don't know," came the reply. "Perhaps it was because they were short of gas or perhaps it was because the gas chambers were full."

Reading the report, the archivist experienced a mystical experience and found himself transported back to the camp with the children. He was in that state until the bell signaling closing rang and he walked out of the dark archives. He came back to reality when he heard the sounds of Jewish children playing happily in the bright Jerusalem sunshine.

Fackenheim said Jews must make an end to the tragic period in Jewish history and make a new beginning. "The oleh (immigrant), par excellence, is he who came out of the very gates of hell to enter the promise of heaven."

Fackenheim will be joining the Hebrew University Institute for Contemporary Jewry in Jerusalem, where he has been teaching for part of the last three years. He left for Israel last week.



Prof. Emil Fackenheim.

Agudath Israel commitments

Shamir will keep promises

By
PATRICIA RUCKER

PORT CHESTER, NY —
Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir will honor commitments made to Agudath Israel during negotiations to form a governing coalition, according to Rabbi Shmuel Halpert, an Agudath Member of the Knesset.

Rabbi Halpert, who serves on the Knesset's committee on intelligence and foreign affairs, spoke to more than 3,000 delegates from nine countries and 25 states at the recent 61st annual convention of Agudath Israel of America.

He referred specifically to commitments to attempt to amend the Law of the Return so that only conversions performed "according to halacha" (ie. Orthodox conversions) would be recognized, and to enact a law barring archeological digs at ancient grave sites. Recent digs at the City of David site in Jerusalem have been the target of demonstrations by Orthodox Jews.

Agudath Israel is an Orthodox movement which originated in Eastern Europe in the early 20th century. It places emphasis on traditional Jewish education, and is led by a Council of Torah Sages, all of whom are highly respected Torah scholars.

Members of the present council include Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, dean of Mesivta Tifereth Jerusalem and a recognized halachic authority, and Rabbi Mordechai Gifter, dean of the Telshe Yeshiva in Cleveland.

In his keynote address, Rabbi Gifter urged that "technological advances be used not for mass destruction but for the elevation of man through the study of Torah." As an example, he referred to the daily Talmud lecture which subscribers across the United States can hear simply by making a phone call.

The delegates also heard a message from U.S. President Ronald Reagan, reaffirming his support for a tuition tax credit for parents whose children are enrolled in private schools.

Although a bill giving the credit was recently voted down in the Senate, Reagan said that "we remain strongly committed to achieving this goal. Your concerns regarding this issue are a matter of conscience and fairness. . . . Parents have the right and responsibility to have their children educated in accordance with their own values. A tuition tax credit will go a long way towards making this right a reality for parents of modest means."

Rabbi Yehuda Meir Abramowitz, chairman of the Agudath Israel World Organization, came to the convention directly from a visit to Poland, where he participated in negotiations with the Polish government to restore some of the more than 400 Jewish cemeteries in that country.

Rabbi Abramowitz said that Polish officials have been "extremely cooperative" since a written agreement was signed last summer between an international group of Orthodox representatives and the Polish government. As a first step, close to 30 cemeteries have been targeted for restoration with money to be raised in the West.

Highlights of other sessions included:

• A call for new initiatives to train rabbinic and lay leaders to meet the needs of a rapidly growing Orthodox community.

• A major symposium on the legacy of Rabbi Israel Meir Hacohen (Chofetz Chaim), whose 50th anniversary of passing was marked this year. His writings include the Mishna Brurah, which is a comprehensive compendium on sections of the Code of Jewish Law.

• A panel discussion led by a partner in a leading American accounting firm, a successful insurance agent, and a university professor, on how to maintain an Orthodox Jewish identity while functioning professionally in a non-Jewish environment.

• A plea from Rabbi Yehodhua Fishman, executive vice-president of the National Council of Hebrew Day Schools, for "new levels of dedication" to deal with the thousands of Jewish day school students who drop out of Jewish education after the 8th grade.

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Arts

Salomon collection is far more than art

Exhibit traces the artist's life, fears and creativity

By
HILARY HORLOCK

TORONTO — Far more than art, Charlotte: Life or Theatre? is a creation which speaks volumes about psychology and the process of creation.

On display at the Koffler Gallery until Jan. 6, Charlotte: Life or Theatre? is a collection of almost 200 gouache (watercolor) paintings which depict the life story of Charlotte Salomon.

What makes this collection interesting is the fact that the artist has also become author and composer/arranger in her autobiographical attempt to recreate her life. While she painted her life story, Charlotte also wrote text for each picture, some of it directly on the picture. She did not stop there, however, and also suggested tunes which indicated the mood of each phase of her life. These, too, are indicated in the text.

As she explains in her own words shortly before her death in Auschwitz in 1942:

"The creation of the following paintings is to be imagined as follows — A person is sitting beside the sea. He is painting. A tune suddenly enters his mind. As he starts to hum it, he notices that the tune exactly matches what he is trying to commit to paper. A text forms in his head, and he starts to sing the tune, with his own words, over again in a loud voice until the painting seems complete."

To understand the paintings, of which there are 769 in total, it is necessary to understand Charlotte's life. She was born in 1917 in Germany, and was raised in Berlin in a Jewish intellectual environment. Her mother committed suicide when Charlotte was 8 years old, following her sister [the aunt whom Charlotte was named after] who also committed suicide. Charlotte's father was remarried to a famous opera singer, whom Charlotte adored.

Through her stepmother (Paulinka Bimbam in the pictures), Charlotte meets and falls in love with Amadeus Daberlon, Paulinka's voice coach, 20 years her senior. Realizing her ambition to become an artist, frowned upon by her family, Charlotte is admitted to the Akademie der Kunste.

After the Nazi rise to power, it is decided that Charlotte will go to the south of France to live with her grandparents. Shortly after she arrives, Charlotte's grandmother becomes depressed and commits suicide. It is then that Charlotte learns that her great grandmother, grandmother, mother and aunt had all committed suicide.

It is now 1940 and Charlotte decides that she will not follow the family's depressing tradition of suicide. She begins to paint her life story, Life or Theatre?, which she completes in August, 1942. The paintings are entrusted to the village doctor Moridis shortly before she is deported to Auschwitz where she dies.

She begins her life story with the death of her aunt — before she was born. The paintings at the beginning are all controlled, with every space on the page filled with color and detail. As her life progresses, and events in the outside world become more hectic and threatening, the paintings become less and less controlled. The brush strokes are bolder and more violent; the colors are more sombre and detail is almost non-existent.

Towards the end of the story the text begins to appear directly on the paintings, and the writing deteriorates from a beautifully scripted hand to a rushed, careless scrawl.

The paintings represent a painstaking self-analysis; an attempt to answer the whys and the wherefores of her life.

In depicting the characters and events in her life, Charlotte as artist has tried to step out of herself and see the characters as they see themselves, and then commit that image to paper.

As she says in her prelude:

"The varied nature of the paintings should be attributed less to the author than to the varied nature of the characters to be portrayed. The author has tried — as it is apparent most clearly in the Main Section — to go completely out of herself to allow the characters to sing or speak in their own voices. In order to achieve this, many artistic values had to be renounced, but I hope that, in view of the soul-penetrating nature of the work, this will be forgiven."

The psychological impact of these paintings is enormous. One is moved not only by the paintings themselves, but also by the tragic life they portray.

This is not, as some have described it, Holocaust art. Although there are some scenes of Nazi persecution, they are included only as an indication of what was happening in the world at that time. It was not the impending Holocaust that prompted Charlotte to create Life or Theatre? but her own desire to overcome the tradition of suicide in her family.

The collection will remain at the Koffler until Jan. 6. For viewing hours call the gallery at 636-2145.

Disquieting images of Israel emerge in book of essays from land of Oz

books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

In The Land of Israel, by Amos Oz Academic Press of Canada, $14.95.

The best known resident of Kibbutz Hulda is a renowned novelist, an irritating gadfly and a spokesman for the controversial Peace Now movement.

Last year, notebook in hand, Amos Oz traveled throughout Israel and the West Bank. He entered into conversation with workers, soldiers, religionists, Arabs and new immigrants. He asked difficult and complex questions: Where was Israel going? What were its major problems? Could Ashkenazim get along with Sephardim? Should the West Bank be relinquished? Would true peace ever be established with the Arabs?

These journalistic impressions led to a series of articles in Davar that were widely discussed and hotly debated. In some quarters they were dismissed as a lopsided preoccupation with fanatics and psychopaths.

Oz disavows any notion that those interviewed represent a "cross-section of Israeli society." He asserts: "I do not believe in representative pictures or typical cross-sections. Every place is an entire world and every man is a world in himself, and I reached only a few places and a few people."

I would like to believe that these disquieting, sometimes shocking, essays — and what they contain — are not typical of Israeli feeling or opinion. I say this because the emotions expressed are filled with hatred, self-righteousness and bigotry. Unabashed religious zealots vilify the State of Israel as a Nazi abomination. Some settlers on the West Bank are prepared to push all Arabs into Jordan in preparation for the next stage in The Final Redemption.

On his visit to Bet Shemesh, Oz is surrounded by a group of young sephardim who vent their fury and frustration at the Ashkenazim. "Now that Begin's here, believe me, my parents can stand up straight, with pride, and dignity. I'm not religious, either, but my parents are; they're traditional, and Begin has respect for their beliefs.

"Your whole problem is that you don't realize that Begin is Prime Minister. For you he's garbage, not Prime Minister. Who ever heard of such a thing?

"You guys have been running crazy for five years now, and to hell with the country. What do you care, as long as you get back in power? Is that the way the opposition is supposed to act? Is it? To rat on us to the world? . . .

"Why don't you ask who dragged the Moroccans into prostitution and crime? Why don't you ask who taught the kids, while they were still in transit camps, to make fun of their parents, to laugh at old people, to ridicule their religion and their leaders? Why don't you ask, first of all, who taught Oriental Jews that money's the most important thing in life?

"Why don't you ask who invented theft and fraud? Who invented the stock market? . . . Yaakov, give a holler in there to bring out some coffee and bourekas. I'll pay. What's the matter with you? You're our guest here. Eat and drink in peace. Want a cigarette?"

In a response to extremists of all stripes the author reprints a speech he gave at Ofra, a Jewish settlement on the West Bank. It is a plea for humanist values and "spiritual pluralism." It is a derogation of nationalism that is labeled "the curse of mankind."

For the most part the author is a mute sounding board who records what he has seen and heard: the lament of an old settler who decries the unwillingness of young Israelis to work the land, the ravings of a bigot who is ready to blow up synagogues in the Diaspora to awaken Jews to international cynicism, the anguish of a pair of Arabs who have lost their identity.

The findings are of a country divided by basic ideas and engaged in endless debate. But out of the tumult, Oz intimates, if sufficient intelligence and patience are displayed, can emerge a strong and unified and enduring nation.

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World premiere of Yigdal in Toronto

Parkinson's disease cruelly inhibited Wolpe's ability

music

By
RICK KARDONNE

Toronto will be the site of the world premiere of the complete version of one of the mid-20th century's most significant Jewish liturgical compositions: Stefan Wolpe's Yigdal, a cantata for mixed chorus, baritone solo and organ. It will be performed by the Elmer Iseler Singers with baritone solo Paul Massell and Vancouver's top organist Patrick Wedd, Jan. 13 at St. James Cathedral, 65 Church St., at 8 p.m. as the main work of a program produced by New Music Concerts.

If not for the fact that his ability to write was cruelly inhibited by Parkinson's disease during the peak period of his career, Stefan Wolpe would have ranked along Bartok, Hindemith and Schoenberg as one of the greatest and best-known modernist composers.

Born in Berlin in 1902, Wolpe was a product of the golden era of creativity during the Weimar Republic in the 1920s. His formative influences were such pioneer modernist paragons as the Bauhaus school of architecture, the Dada art scene, and the November Group, an organization of socialist artists and writers formed to make the arts accessible to the workers.

He was active as both pianist and composer at concerts of this group.

In 1925 Wolpe was enormously impressed by the premiere of Alban Berg's Wozzeck, and began to take an active interest in jazz. He composed two chamber operas satirizing bourgeois morality and civil authority, a dance drama, cantatas and much theatre music.

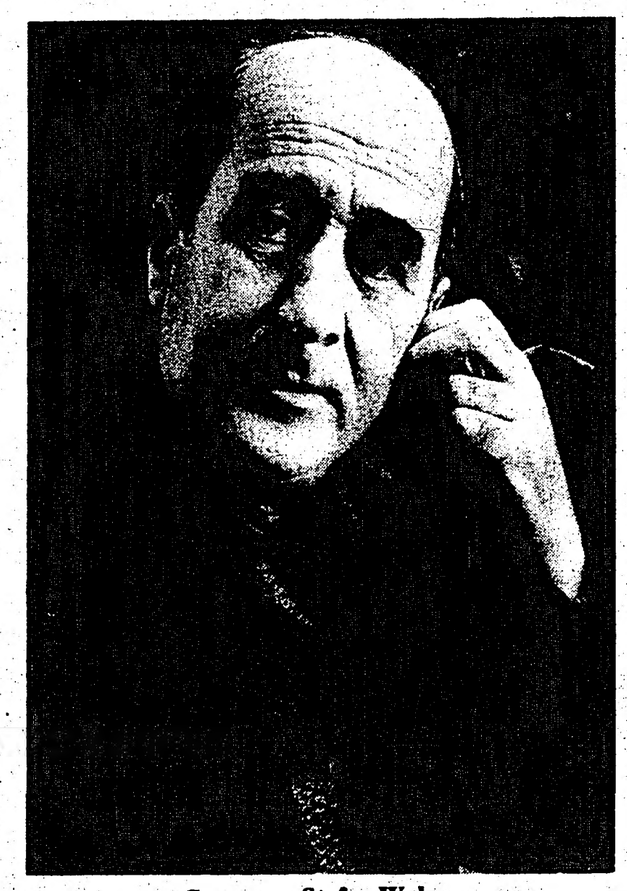
He composed the music for the satirical-musical Die Mausefalle which ran for over 300 performances, just prior to Hitler's accession.

Wolpe fled Berlin with the Romanian-Jewish pianist Irma Schoenberg. After flight from city to city as Hitler advanced, they settled in Jerusalem in 1934 and were married. Here, Wolpe wrote many Israeli-chalutzic songs and some have become part of the national heritage of Israel.

He also composed a number of songs on biblical texts and by contemporary Hebrew poets. In them he discovered a sense of flow achieved without the dramatic gestures of European expressionism and an erotic lyricism that adds a new warmth to the driving rhetoric of struggle that dominated the later music of his Berlin period.

Yigdal arose from this period when Wolfe lived in Eretz Israel. It was dedicated to the Israeli painter Mordechai Ardon, who, as Max Bronstein, was Wolpe's brother-in-arms in Berlin.

Only an excerpt was performed on May 11, 1945 at the Park Avenue Synagogue in New York. The cantor at the time, David J. Putterman, had commissioned several works by contemporary composers as part of a "Third Sabbath Eve Service of Liturgical Music by Contemporary Composers," which included the premieres of pieces by Leonard Bernstein, A. W. Binder, Henry Brant, Julius Chajes, Frederick Jacobi, Darius Milhaud and Stefan Wolpe.



Composer Stefan Wolpe

The complete Toronto version consists of seven choral sections, five organ interludes and a postlude.

It promises to be a major milestone in the evolution of serious Jewish music by one of this century's most gifted, versatile, and radical composers: an ideal fusion of innovative, intelligently street-wise creativity with a profound sense of Jewish commitment.

Toronto is most fortunate to have living here a foremost scholar of the work of Stefan Wolpe: the eminent musicologist Austin Clarkson, who is presenting this complete premiere of Yigdal. Those interested in a fuller account of Wolpe's biography and his music are advised to consult his book: Stefan Wolpe: A Guide to his Life and Works.

Clarkson deserves much credit for having one of the world's most accomplished choirs, The Elmer Iseler Singers, performing Yigdal.

Holograms add dimension to artist's moving work

By
RONA ARATO

TORONTO — Claudette Abrams loves holography because, she says, it allows her to express the fluidity of life through photography images. Her work is on display through Jan. 5 at the Interference Hologram Gallery on King St.

"Holography is different from regular photography," said Abrams, a pert, blonde waif in a full-length bulky sweater and handcrafted silver earrings. She went on to explain that holography is a unique method of recording information by manipulating energy waves and passing them through a series of mirrors or lenses.

Because holography is the first method of recording information that utilizes the total energy wave, it is the only known way of recording images exactly as they are seen in reality. Holographic images are recorded on photographic plates and are three-dimensional and life-sized.

Abrams first became interested in holography when she was a student at the Ontario College of Art. "I started taking photography," she said, "and I became fascinated with movement. I got into animated film sequences and programmed slide projections and those dealt with movement as well."

Abrams, who was born in Fruitland, Ont., a town just outside of St. Catharines, "that's so small, no one's ever heard of it," has always been drawn to things urban. "I guess that comes from growing up in the country," she said. "I've always been fascinated by cities."

The Abrams family moved to the St. Catharines area because her parents liked the rural life. Her father, an insurance salesman, works in Hamilton and Abrams attended an art high school in that city and was active in a number of Jewish youth organizations.

After graduation, she moved to Toronto and spent four years at the Ontario College of Art. It was there she was first introduced to holography and became fascinated with this unusual art form.

After graduating from OCA, Admas worked for a sign painter and continued painting in the photographic style she had developed at school. She found herself drawn more and more into the photographic arts and eventually found that "my photographic images were becoming softer, more like painting and my painting was getting more photographic. My photographic concerns were with movement. Then I got into animated film sequences and programmed slide projections and they were all dealing with movement and the occurrence of an event.

"Holography just lent one more dimension to the identity of a three-dimensional object."

Her current exhibit is entitled "Still Life" and utilizes 8-inch by 8-inch white light reflection holograms that are suspended free form above a brass bed illuminated with a pale light. The holograms depict a series of "boomerang" images that appear to be floating through the air.

"The exhibit is about thought," said Abrams. "The bed refers to the in-between stages of waking and sleeping and the boomerangs represent the thoughts that come to people over and over again, at the dream stage, when a thought will come to you and stay all day long."

What's next for Abrams? In addition to working full time in sales and marketing for Fine Art Editions, an art publisher, Abrams is currently putting together a photographic exhibit which she hopes to have ready in the near future.

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Arts

Martin Avery publishes third book

Author fascinated with roots of Jewish folklore

By
RONA ARATO

TORONTO —
Martin Avery's first interest in Judaism came from reading modern Jewish authors. So it stands to reason, that when he decided to become first a writer and later a Jew, one of his favorite themes would be about things Jewish.

Avery, who at the age of 28 has just had his third book, The Singing Rabbi, published by Oberon Press, was born in Gravenhurst, Ont., and grew up in a Scottish Presbyterian household.

When Avery left Bracebridge High School after grade 12, he wasn't planning to become Jewish, to write, or to move to Toronto. "I had a total fear and hatred of cities," he said in a recent interview. "What I really wanted was to go to the University of Victoria in British Columbia and study political science."

By a fluke, Avery enrolled in a creative writing class at the university and his future shifted course like a sailboat caught in a strong wind.

After one year at the University of Victoria, Avery was accepted into a summer program at the Banff Centre School of Fine Arts.

"Six weeks there were worth ten years of university," said Avery.

While at Banff, he studied poet Eli Mandel, who suggested Avery continue his writing studies at York University. And it was in a creative writing class at York that Avery met his future wife, Batsheva Paul, a well known Toronto folk singer.

"Martin was already interested in Judaism when I met him," said Batsheva, a pert, dark haired woman who radiates enthusiasm the way a fire radiates warmth.

It's obvious from the minute one steps into the cozy ambience of the Averys' Bathurst St. apartment, with its abundance of Judaic objects, books and records, that Judaism is a major element in both their lives.

"I've always been involved in the Toronto Jewish community through my singing," said Batsheva.

At first Batsheva declined to go out with Avery, because as an observant Jew she would not date non-Jewish men. She soon discovered, however, that Avery's desire to be Jewish was a force of its own . . . totally independent of his relationship with her.

After their third year at York, Avery and Batsheva went their separate ways — he to Manitoba to teach at Frontier College and she to Israel. Avery met her in Israel later that year, then went on to Scotland to "check out my Presbyterian roots."

It was during his stay in Israel that Avery attended his first complete synagogue service at Moshav Modi'im, the community founded by Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach — an experience he still speaks of with deep emotion.

Carlebach has had a strong influence on both the Averys. He is a close personal friend and is the "singing rabbi" in the short story that gives Avery's latest book its title. When Avery decided to convert to Judaism in 1982, it was Carlebach who helped him and at the Avery wedding, later that year. Carlebach requested the honor of reciting the last brocha in the ceremony.

Like Carlebach, Avery is fascinated with the roots of Jewish folklore, a zeal shared by his wife, who writes many of her own songs.

"Folklore plays a strong part in my work," said Avery. His books, which are all collections of short stories, are laced with characters and situations that trace their roots back to those tales which make up our communal history. Avery's books include First Impressions, published by Oberon Press in 1980, in which he shared authorship with Mike Mason and Isabel Huggan; and Cottage Country Stories, 1982, also published by Oberon Press. His books have been reviewed across Canada to general acclaim by people such as Marion Engel, William French and Allan Gould.

Avery has still to realize his dream of writing full time, but with three books in print and a fourth, Northern Comfort, due out in 1984, he is well on his way. During the day he works as a public relations agent for A.S.P. Communications, but spends every spare minute weaving the colorful fabric of the tales with which he fills his books.

Because Avery and Batsheva are both pursuing careers in the arts (she is producer and hostess of The Jewish Show on MTV) they are finding increased opportunities to work together. One story about Soviet Jewry that appears in The Singing Rabbi, is fabricated entirely from the lyrics of two of Batsheva's songs that Avery has threaded together to make up the text.

The Averys recently entered a new phase of their careers by performing together at the Jewish Book Fair, where Avery read from his book and Batsheva sang from her own repertoire of Jewish works.

Hello Jerusalem bound for MTV

TORONTO —
Hello Jerusalem, a weekly TV magazine produced in Israel, may soon appear on Ontario's MTV Channel 47.

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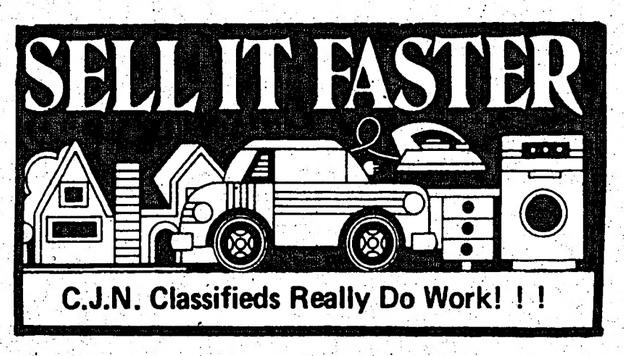

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Tourists flock to island's biscuit-colored sands

The Sanibel Stoop makes shell searchers easy to spot

By
FRANK RASKY

SANIBEL, Fla. —
"How wonderful are islands," exulted Anne Morrow Lindbergh two decades ago in her poetic classic, Gift From The Sea. "The past and future are cut off. Only the present remains."

She was referring to the enchantment of her winter home on Sanibel Island, the world-famed paradise for shell-fanciers, located 15 miles southwest of Fort Myers.

The thousands of tourists who flock here each winter quickly develop a malady known as the Sanibel Stoop.

It's the bent-over posture of beach walkers searching in the miles of biscuit-colored sands for beautiful specimens of shells bearing such descriptive titles as Ivory Tusk, Turkey Wing, Flamingo Tongue, Baby's Ear, the rare Lion's Paw and the scarce and delicate Angel Wing.

The Florida Horse Conch, the state's official shell, may reach a length of up to 2 feet and is probably the largest of the varieties to be found locally. Coquinas, looking like tiny pastel butterflies, can be found by the hundreds.

Highly prized is the Junonia, a spotted cone shell named in honor of the goddess Juno. And the multi-colored Glory of the Sea is such a dazzler one specimen fetched $1,500 at an auction.

Conchologists (a fancy name for shell experts) claim that Sanibel, unlike other barrier islands, is ideally located to permit even fragile shells to wash ashore undamaged.

Its sandy-bottomed coastline, extending into the Gulf of Mexico in an east-west position, is said to create a net-like effect catching and holding the Gulf's treasures.

The best shelling occurs just after the peak of high tide, and every motel on the island has tide tables to tell you when that occurs. December, January and February are the top months for shelling, but winds in March often turn up some beauties.

Some of the island's inns follow a delightful custom of ringing a ship's bell during the dinner hour to pay tribute to the lucky collector who has made a rare find.

And thousands of fanciers will be coming here March 1 to 4 to attend the 46th annual Sanibel Shell Fair. Called the "Tiffany of the world's shell fares," it features a mammoth display of shell collections and a raffle of Glory of the Sea prize shells.

Conchologists here advise Sanibel stoopers to wear sneakers which will protect your feet from broken shells and stingrays that sometimes bury themselves in the shallow sandy waters.

If there's a living creature in your shell, or you don't know for sure if there isn't, experts here urge you to heed this warning: boil it out or your nose will know you didn't.

Most island inns have tiny stoves and old pots for shell boiling. Immersing shells in a bleach and water solution or ordinary vinegar kills the fishy odors and won't affect the colors. To make them really shine, add a light coat of baby oil.

A number of enterprising shell collectors have set themselves up as guides and will show you their favorite hunting grounds. The chamber of commerce will supply you with a pamphlet providing the names of island shell guides.

Israel's best will perform in festival

JERUSALEM —
The best of Israel's own talent will be featured from May 18-June 17 at the 1984 Jerusalem Festival.

Opera and operetta, symphony and chamber music, traditional and experimental theatre and classical and modern dance will be supplemented by street parades and theatre, clowns, acrobats and other special events.

The music program will feature an evening with 16 of Israel's top pianists performing on eight Yamaha pianos.

On Jerusalem Day, May 30, the four major orchestras of Israel will perform together under one baton — the holder which will be announced at a later date.

Soloists in other concerts that have already been announced include: pianists Martha Argerich and Ivo Pogorelich; violinists Ivry Gitlis and Pinchas Zuckerman; flautist Jean-Pierre Rampal; singer Victoria de los Angeles who will present Sephardi songs; and many others.

The dance program will include two of Japan's top Buto dance companies; the all male Sankai Juko, which will present a sunset performance devised especially for the amphitheatre on Mount Scopus, with the Judean desert as a backdrop; and the all female group Natsu Nakajima presenting The Garden.

Modern dancer, Carolyn Carlson, will perform a new work and take part in an improvisation evening with violinist Ivy Gitlis.

Many of the theatre productions are without dialogue and can be enjoyed by every visitor, regardless of his or her knowledge of languages.

The famous Polish theatre, Cricot 2, directed by Tadeusz Kantor, will present The Dead Class and Where are the Snows of Yesteryear?, both of which include many references to the extinct Jewish culture of Poland before World War II.

There will also be a production of Flowers and Midsummer Night's Dream by the Linsay Kemp Company, a group which mixes dance, mime and theatre.

Productions in the English language will include Vanity Fair by Thackeray and Perickles by Shakespeare, produced by the Cheek by Jowl Theatre from England; while Claire Bloom will give a portrait of Shakespeare's heroines called These are Women.

The directors of the festival emphasize that the events described are, as yet, a preliminary program and therefore are subject to change.

A detailed program will be announced during the winter and will be published by ministry of tourism offices.

Events will be presented throughout the afternoons, evenings and nights to enable the visitor to see a num of performances every day.

Early home of William Lyon Mackenzie King.

Mackenzie King spent much time at Woodside

KITCHENER —
Canada's 10th prime minister, William Lyon Mackenzie King, spent much of his boyhood in a rambling mid-Victorian home in Kitchener, Ont. The home was called "Woodside" by the British barrister who built the 10-room house in 1853.

Today, Woodside National Historic Park recreates the atmosphere of the early 1890s when the King family lived there.

Reception rooms reflect the late-Victorian taste for ornamented furniture and bric-a-brac, giving an impression of comfort, opulence and generous hospitality.

In virtually every room there is an abundance of pattern with wallpaper, carpets, throw rugs, chairs, sofas, cushions and curtains competing for the eye's attention.

Parks Canada guides in period costume interpret the historic home and its furnishings, and a modern exhibit illustrates Mackenzie King's life and accomplishments.

The park, approximately two kilometres north of Kitchener City Hall, is open to visitors year-round.

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Travel

Master of Cyprus Knee Museum

Ole Barefoot proud to be genuine Florida cracker

By
FRANK RASKY

PALMDALE, Fla. —

If you're a bit bored from soaking up the sun in Miami Beach and would like to revive your jaded spirits, you'd be well advised to take an hour's drive and meet the quaint and rather outlandish character who runs what is surely Florida's kookiest museum.

You'll find him by driving up U.S. Highway 27 near its junction with State Road 29, one mile south of Palmdale, just west of Lake Okeechobee. There, off the highway at Fisheating Creek, you'll doubtless be enchanted to read this sign:

"This Cypress Knee Museum was built in 1934 by a selfish reactionary, without any help ever, from any city council, state or federal government, no RFC or WPA, no price top, no price bottom, no subsidy, no labor union protection.

"What you see here can never be duplicated — souvenirs of a time before civilization covered the United States.

"Signed: Tom Gaskins."

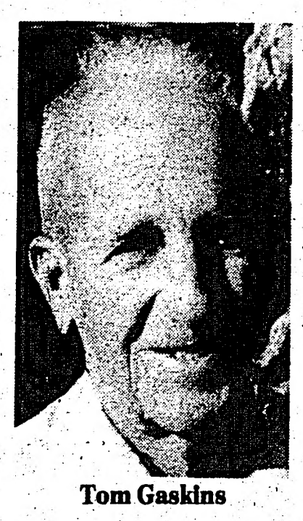
When you meet Gaskins, after paying a $1 admission fee, you'll find him every bit as eccentric and charming as his Cyprus Knee Museum.

A cypress knee is an outgrowth on the lower trunk of an ancient swamp cypress tree, and Gaskin has collected hundreds of them whose knobby, gnarled forms resemble real people, such as Hitler, Stalin and Franklin D. Roosevelt, or fictional ones such as Snow White's Seven Dwarfs.

They've been peeled free of their bark and displayed like art pieces with amusing captions, such as a smiling face of a man titled "Bona Lisa, the brother of Mona."

The really intriguing exhibits might be called Mother Nature's natural sculpture. The same might well be said of Gaskins, who is truly an original.

Ole Barefoot, as he is locally known, looks like a well-preserved, 5-foot-5, 74-year-old gargoyle. He refers to himself as a "said-to-be-wit and philosopher," who is also an inventor, health addict, and author of Florida Facts and Fallacies, Tom Tells Tall Turkey Tales and We Talk Turkey.



Tom Gaskins

He is proud of being a genuine Florida cracker, which means he was born in the Sunshine State, son of the Tampa inventor of Gator Roach Killer.

Of the 10 patents in his name, he is best known for inventing Tom's Turkey Call for Gobbler Hunters. He maintains he has sold more than $200,000 worth of the $10 cedarwood instruments.

"They work on the violin principle, like a miniature bow scraping on a string, and the tone is really beautiful," said Gaskins, giving a demonstration.

Indeed, the awk-awk-awk, cackle-cackle-cackle was extremely reminiscent of the barnyard.

"I've had happy customers die and their widows put the turkey call in the casket," he said. "For the husband's use, no doubt, in the Happy Hunting Grounds."

Gaskins says he feels as youthful as a 20-year-old and explains: "I'm a health nut. This morning I did my usual 80 pushups after running for five miles through the swamps. Barefoot, naturally.

"I'm agin shoes. They're unhealthy. I never wear 'em, unless it's to go to the funeral of a friend who has been a boot-wearer his whole short life.

"Going barefoot really adds to your longevity. You can figure that a pair of shoes weighs about one pound. Figure that if you're a normal active person, you pick up your feet 5,000 times a day.

"That's 2½ tons of picking up. Think of the strength you're saving by going barefoot."

He says another reason he's so healthy is that he kills harmful bacteria and cold germs by swallowing his own homemade medicine made of coal tar creosote.

"It's the tar you'll find used on telephone poles, telegraph poles and railroad cross ties," he said. "It's supposed to be poison.

"The Federal Food and Drug Administration claims if you swallow it, the stuff will kill you. But a knowledgeable friend told me that Marie Curie, when discovering radium, experimented with peat bog, which is a form of tar.

"Want to see me swallowing it?"

He placed a big chunk of it under his tongue, gulped, and then opened his mouth wide to reveal the stuff was gone.

"Tar works wonders on bugs," he said, happily. "And it works wonders on me."

He acknowledges, though, he has yet to invent a repellent to banish the swamp flies and no-see-ums that invade the home-made house, covered with 30,000 handsplit cypress shingles, where he sells cypress knee figurines to tourists.

The price of the pieces, so beautifully shaped by nature, ranges from $1 to $275. Gaskins has one knee in his museum 9½ feet tall. But he takes pains to tell visitors that cypress knees do not make a tree.

"They grow up from the roots of the tree, and have no leaves and no limbs," he says. "And I think no one knows why they grow.

"Some botanists theorize that the cypress tree is evoluting, and the knee is left over from neanderthal days when it was a protective device like thorns. You know the theory I like best? I like to think that the knees were once toothpicks for dinosaurs."

Dictionary description doesn't do full justice to some of Ontario's inns

TORONTO —

According to Webster's Dictionary, an inn is simply "a hotel, especially in the country, providing food, drink and beds to travellers."

Webster might have been more buoyant with his description if he'd visited some of Ontario's inns. They're country hotels, to be sure, and all the better for that, with fireplaces (often in a guest's private room), the freshest of local foods served in airy dining rooms, and matchless Ontario countryside to be enjoyed in any season.

Until 1974 the Elora Inn, 77 Mill St. W., Elora, (519) 846-5356 was one of the largest grist mills in North America. Now this attractive 7-storey stone building has 22 comfortable rooms, many of which have a romantic view of foaming white water. The Grand River tumbles over two mill dams into a 70-foot deep limestone gorge of rugged beauty.

The inn blends old world charm with modern comfort. Detailed stonework and massive beams have been retained, and each unique room is furnished with locally crafted pine furniture. In the warm, friendly dining room with its big stone fireplace, continental cooking and snacks are served.

Tucked into rolling Caledon Hills near the town of Alton is the Millcroft Inn, (519) 941-8111. This 1881 knitting mill was converted in 1977 to an award winning inn, one of only six in North America that belong to the prestigious French Relais et Chateaux.

The dining room, which features the inn's own garden produce and local specialties, together with imaginative cooking, attracts many Torontonians to the inn for dinner alone.

That's the good news. The bad news is that they miss staying in one of the 42 main rooms, all of which are decorated with antiques, or in one of 20 separate buildings called The Crofts, each with its own fireplace.

Terrace overlooks millpond

Millcroft is situated on 100 treed acres by the Credit River. A terrace overlooks the quiet millpond, and an elegant dining room perches above the 30-foot waterfall. There's an outdoor pool, tennis courts, and the cross-country skiing couldn't be better.

The Jester Arms is in Stratford, 107 Ontario St., [519] 271-1121. This 13-room inn, opened in May of 1983, is located on the main street of a bustling theatrical town — Stratford's Shakespearean Festival is known throughout the world — but inside, it's a haven of peace.

Its 2-storey suites have a kitchen and living room downstairs, bedroom and bathroom upstairs. Fresh flowers, antique English furniture and original drawings complement the rooms' pale, romantic colours.

Take a step into the quiet life at The Little Inn, Bayfield, (519) 565-2611. This 1842 coaching inn is still an integral part of the village's tree-lined streets.

Three bathrooms serve 10 charming rooms filled with early Canadian furniture and period wallpaper.

Victorian dressers and sideboards furnish two dining rooms, which specialize in fresh local produce and a delicious, traditional, English afternoon tea. After-ski guests like to gather around the open fireplace.

The past is very much present in Ontario's inns, with their mellow facades, antique furnishings, and historic surroundings. They provide comfortable rooms, a warm welcome and good food for the traveler. Webster will never know what he missed!

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Magnificent scenery, colorful costumes add to French flavor of Guadeloupe

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

FORT DE FRANCE, Martinique —

If it were not for the fact that you are flying in for an island landing, you might think you are arriving on the French Riviera when you land at either Fort de France or Pointe-a-Pitre, capital of Guadeloupe.

The French tricolor flies everywhere, the uniform of police and customs officers is that of France, the women dress in more colorful and voluminous costumes, often with colorful headkerchiefs.

The main difference — the foliage is more lush, the mountains are not far away and the climate is more humid.

The scenery on both Martinique and Guadeloupe is magnificent. There are no freeways, but the roads are good and often lined with flamboyant tropical flowers and sugar cane fields. Heavily forested mountains loom in the background.

You drive along coastal roads, sometimes high above the sea, and at other times alongside the water. En route are colorful fishing villages where the nets are strung up to dry and gaily dressed dark and brownskinned women walk erect carrying huge bundles on their heads.

Fort de France is the capital of Martinique. Near the harbor are streets filled with duty-free shops where French perfumes, fabrics and ceramics are available, as well as a wide range of native handicrafts.

There is also a Caribbean art centre with paintings, woodwork, tapestries and other locally-produced art. Gaugin lived here for some years before going to Tahiti, and artists of many nationalities have followed him here.

Within sight of the waterfront, where this travel reporter saw youngsters swimming, is a small park with a statue of Empress Josephine, wife of Napoleon, who was born on the island. The rough stone house where she was born at Trois Ilets is open to visitors.

One of the extras for the winter vacationer to Martinique is the annual carnival. It starts soon after New Year and continues to Ash Wednesday — in 1984 on March 7. Everyone on the island, and many visitors, dress up during the almost two months of fun, when parades and dances are held almost every day.

You should not miss the scenic drive from Fort de France to St. Pierre, a village today where there was a city of over 30,000 in 1902. All along the way you will see Mount Pelee, nearly 5,000 feet (1,525 metres) high. In 1902 this volcano erupted, destroying the entire town, except for a few persons. There is a small museum in the village with lava-encrusted food, household utensils, and clothing found in the ruins.

Guadeloupe has a rain forest from Pointe-a-Pitre to the top of Mount Soufriere, a dormant volcano. Here you can see boiling water and sulphur gas in the crater. There are hot springs nearby, used by many visitors as well as the local population.

The island was discovered by Columbus in November 1493.

Near Guadeloupe are some smaller islands, St. Bathelemy, La Desirade, Marie Galante, Les Saintes and St. Martin. The latter is divided between the French and the Netherlanders, each with its own administration and becoming increasingly popular as tourist destinations.

A Guadeloupe creole girl dressed in the special handkerchief, shawl, beads and gaily-colored dress worn in the French West Indian islands.

The other small islands, while mainly agricultural, are also attracting winter vacationers for their beaches and scuba diving.

All the French islands have had a hotel building boom in recent years, with many small inns and hotels, where English as well as French is spoken.

On beaches fronting the hotels topless bathing, as on the French Riviera, is permitted, but not on any of the public beaches.

There are two casinos on each of Martinique and Guadeloupe, where you will need identification with photo (such as your passport) to gain entrance.

The French franc is the official currency (at 1983 year-end about 7 to the Canadian dollar), while U.S. and Canadian dollars can be used at some shopping areas.

You'll enjoy the French and creole food and seafood, the folk music and dances at some of the hotels.

There is a synagogue at Fort de France, care of Association Culturelle Israelite at 25 rue Emile Zola.)

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MONTREAL —

Imported kosher products will not be exempted from Bill 101 which requires that they be labeled in French as well as any other language, says Quebec Cultural Communities and Immigration Minister Gerald Godin.

"Both federal and provincial legislation is clear on bilingual labeling; and I would not like to make too many exceptions. Until now the situation has not been that bad," Godin told The Canadian Jewish News.

However, inspectors of the Commission de la surveillance de la langue francaise have been apprised of the "gentleman's agreement" which has existed between the minister and the Jewish community, he said. No inspections are to be made of retail outlets two weeks before to two weeks after Passover and the High Holidays and products imported in small quantities, amounting to less than 10% of the annual dollar value of imports, are permitted to enter Quebec without French on their labels, according to this verbal understanding.

Godin admitted that this latter part of the agreement is vague and difficult to monitor and enforce.

The government will make the concession of asking a representative of Canadian Jewish Congress to accompany a commission inspector when visiting a store, said Godin, minister responsible for Bill 101.

In a presentation before the parliamentary commission studying Bill 101 in October, Canadian Jewish Congress had asked that the ministerial tolerance prevailing be put into written form to clarify matters.

CJC has argued that the availability of kosher products is a matter of religious freedom and that unannounced inspections of retail outlets have not contributed to the betterment of the social climate in Quebec.

Jews welcome PC hopeful says

By PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO —

Jews should be well represented in all three federal political parties, says Murray Rubin, a political neophyte who would like to be the next Progressive Conservative candidate in Eglinton - Lawrence riding.

Rubin, a 52-year-old pharmacist, spoke recently to the Brotherhood Breakfast Club of Holy Blossom Temple, his own congregation.

The son of Polish immigrants who worked in the garment industry and lived in the College-Spadina area — hardly a Tory stronghold — Rubin explained to the Brotherhood members why he feels comfortable now in "the party of Meighen, Bennett and Drew — the patrician from Perth, Ontario."

First of all, he is convinced that the Conservatives have an excellent chance of forming the next government, and he wants to make sure that Jews have input into that government.

Secondly, he believes that they would be welcome.

When he first decided to become politically active, two years ago, he started knocking on doors in the riding, which stretches from Eglinton north to Highway 401, and from Yonge St. on the east to Keele on the west.

Since Brian Mulroney, "a poor Irish Catholic boy from Baie Comeau" in Rubin's words, became leader, Rubin said he has noticed a perception among the riding's residents that the party is opening up to those of all ethnic origins.

One of the comments he ran into across the riding was that "all political parties are the same." Rubin believes that this is to be expected in a democracy, where, thanks to a free press and plenty of opinion polls, every politician has a fairly good idea of what the public wants.

Policy differences become matters of emphasis, not enormous ideological gulfs. Looking at a current example, he points out that "no politician in his right mind is going to do away with medicare."

And, he says, "it is important for Jewish citizens to be represented in a party which has a long distinguished history of fighting for progressive legislation and free enterprise . . . it gives them a choice."

Panel discusses media coverage of Lebanon war

Experts agree on shallowness of TV reportage

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Was television coverage of the 1982 war in Lebanon superficial and unfair or did it do the best job it could under the time and logistical limitations it faced?

That was one of the questions media experts Yoram Hamizrachi, Peter Silverman and Michael Chernack addressed in a recent panel discussion on the role of the media in Lebanon.

Hamizrachi, Canadian correspondent for the Israeli paper Yediot Ahronot, Silverman, business editor of CITY-TV, and Chernack, director of communications for the Canada-Israel Committee, spoke at the first in a series of adult education meetings at the B'nai Torah Congregation.

Following comments about the nature of the media by each panelist, a film entitled NBC in Lebanon: A Study of Media Misrepresentation was shown. The film, prepared by Americans for a Safe Israel, called NBC's coverage of the war in Lebanon preponderantly pro-Palestinian and anti-Israel.

The film cited cases of reporters and anchormen terming Israel actions "savage" and "imperialistic" while painting the PLO as a benevolent organization and ignoring PLO atrocities.

The filmmakers claimed that in Lebanon, NBC, as well as ABC and CBS, "ceased being an observer and became part of the confrontation."

The film termed NBC's coverage "neither accurate, balanced or fair." It concluded by saying NBC acted as "an advocate for one side" and "misled the American people."

The three panelists agreed that NBC failed to live up to basic journalistic standards of fairness and objectivity in covering the war.

Hamizrachi called television news "a show" like any other. "Television has no moral standards," he said. "It has one goal — to sell, to sell and to sell again."

He told the audience of about 250 people that "there is no better show than war." A reporter sent into the field is expected to provide spectacular footage. "Bombs, tanks, wounded people, pain make a good show," he said.

Chernack said television coverage of Middle East events has now reached the "saturation" level, and has succeeded in placing the Middle East in the forefront of the national consciousness. He called television news an "electronic caricature" of reality. He criticized television news for providing "very little analytical or historical" information or background.

Silverman, while acknowledging his firm support for Israel, found himself in the unenviable position of trying to support and explain the television news business before a largely sceptical crowd.

Silverman told the audience that television news is not meant to provide in-depth reporting. Television is a highly visual medium, he said. To the sound of some heckling, Silverman pointed out that "in order to convey the vividness of the scene you must use the dramatic." Television is not an analytical tool, he continued. "If you want pontifications, definitive statements — look to the newspapers."

Silverman acknowledged that "some correspondents were enamored of the PLO." He said he has yet to meet a completely objective reporter and agreed that "because television is a selective medium . . . the biases do creep in."

Hamizrachi stated it's "wrong to put all the blame on the (NBC) network." The question to be addressed, he said, was the quality of all the media, including newspapers. He said most Canadian newspapers have few correspondents abroad and 90% of the contents of a newspaper is provided by foreign agencies like Reuters and United Press International.

He pointed out that the big front-page story from Lebanon recently was of a Druze wielding a knife at Christian militiamen as they left Druze territory. The important story — the role of Israel in effecting the evacuation, received much less emphasis, though it was a more significant event, Hamizrachi said.

Hamizrachi suggested that in Canada, people "have some power, some influence" and can affect the quality of the media.

Silverman told the audience they "should look at the whole area of news coverage and criticize it all" if any of it is criticized. He expressed the fear that censorship of television might creep in if it was prevented from covering certain events.

Despite the slanted coverage Israel received, Chernack said public opinion polls in Canada and the United States taken in spring, 1983, don't show any erosion in public support for Israel. He told The CJN "the basic, bedrock support for Israel is not going to be eroded by these events."

After watching television news, he said, people are often "left with nothing they can reflect on . . . in any meaningful way."

Bennett helped Holocaust refugees

TORONTO — Jacob M. Bennett, a Toronto lawyer and businessman, died last week after a lengthy illness.

A native of Kingston, he was a life member of the Ontario Chapter of the Canadian Bar Association and an authority on real estate.

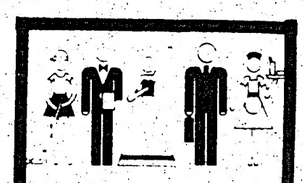
Jacob Bennett

He was active in Zionist organizations and played a prominent role in bringing refugees to Canada after World War II.

He was a partner in Principal Investments of Toronto.

He leaves his wife Beatrice, his son Michael, a doctor in Boston, his daughter Naomi of Toronto and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held from Holy Blossom Temple.



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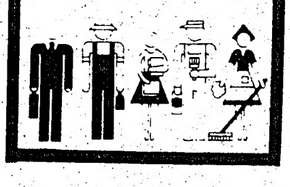

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Karate tournament one of the toughest

York student chops her way to championship

sports scene

By GARY COHEN

Marla Tennen, 22, of Toronto recently won the ladies' novice division title at the Canadian Regional Karate Championships held here.

Tennen, a psychology major at York University, challenged a field of 15 other female competitors in what was the biggest meet of her short karate career. She only began working with Jewish Community Centre karate instructor Michael Hirchberg in the spring of this year.

The tournament, one of the toughest of the year according to Hirchberg, was an open affair which featured athletes from Canada and the United States competing in all styles of martial arts disciplines.

Hirchberg, himself an accomplished black belt martial arts expert who is currently organizing the Canadian team which will travel to Israel for the 12th Maccabiah Games in the summer of 1985, says that Tennen has shown remarkable determination and progress in her short time under his tutelage and predicted that with some more work she could develop into one of Canada's better female karate competitors.

Hirchberg is hoping to assemble a gold medal winning team to represent Canada at the Israeli Games and is presently holding tryouts. If you are 16 years of age or over and are an accomplished Jewish martial arts athlete, you can contact Hirchberg for more information about the Games team by calling 638-1933.

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Sportscaster Mark Hebscher and radio station CKEY abruptly parted company last week as the Toronto announcer was summarily given his walking papers after his Sports Talk show, the city's only nightly sports phone-in program, was canceled due to low ratings.

According to a Globe and Mail report, Hebscher was summoned by CKEY general manager Michael Mangialardo and news director Jim MacLean on the day he was to begin a 2-week holiday. Mangialardo and MacLean reportedly told him not to bother coming back after his vacation was over.

The program drew an average audience of 50,000 an evening when it first began in January of 1982, but rating figures showed that had dropped to 20,000 listeners by the time CKEY decided to throw in the towel on the show.

Jewish Community Centre karate instructor Michael Hirchberg congratulates pupil Marla Tennen on winning the ladies novice division title at the Canadian Regional Karate Championships.

The program was the second time around on the sports phone-in circuit for Hebscher, 27, who had hosted CJCL's Sportsline show until it was dropped in 1981.

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An upset, a default and a come-from-behind tie last week helped to determine the final B Division alignment in the B'nai B'rith hockey league.

Prior to the start of the season, league president Gary Goldlust and the rest of the BB league executive agreed that B Division would be split into two tiers at mid-season with separate regular and playoff scheduling to be used for each level in the second half.

Last week, it was decided that the top eight clubs will form B Division I, while the remaining six will make up B Division II.

Manor Metropolitan Wolverines second victory of the season, a 4-1 upset over Forrestdale Flyers, coupled with Don Mills Wasters default win over Canyon Kings and Irv Freedman's important tying goal to give Toronto Freedom Blue Notes a 1-1 tie against Leonard Mayzel Black Hawks unscrambled the tightly-packed divisional picture.

Flyers loss left the team with 11 points in the standings and relegated them to Division II, while Blue Notes and Wasters with 12 points each move to the top tier.

Joining Blue Notes and Wasters in Division I will be Toronto Freedom Realtors (15 points), Toronto Freedom Feathers (14), Black Hawks (14), Don Mills Axemen (14), Maccabiah Red Wings (13) and Kings (13).

Along with Flyers in a more spread out B Division II are Upper Canada Bruins (9), Forrestdale Sting (6), Canyon Crush (4), Wolverines (4) and Leonard Mayzel Red Hawks (1).

Four teams in each tier will make their respective playoffs.

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In other B Division games last week, Craig Streisfeld's tying goal allowed Realtors to come back from a 4-goal deficit to earn a 4-4 decision against Kings; Joel Colomby had five goals and an assist to spark Axemen to a 10-0 whitewash of Red Hawks; Sam Weinberg had the winner as Realtors tripped Sting 3-2; Red Wings John Schacter had two goals and four assists and Mitch Goldhar added a pair in an 8-1 win over Crush; and Paul Rosen and Stuart Yack each had two goals and an assist as Feathers topped Bruins 4-1.

In A Division games, Toronto Freedom North Stars came back from being down 3-1 to hand Forrestdale Big Steel Man their first loss of the season 4-3 as Jeff Farkas scored the winner; Ben Walderman had a goal and an assist as six different scorers led Toronto Freedom Team Mates to a 6-1 win over Canyon Satellites; and Hy Shore scored for Toronto Freedom Whalers, while Jeff Robinson replied for Canyon Brokers as the clubs played to a 1-1 draw.

A Division standings including results from last week's games show Big Steel Man out front with 20 points followed by Whalers [16], Team Mates [11], North Stars [10], Satellites [5] and Brokers [4].

Top four teams make the playoffs.

In C Division games, John Daniels got the shutout as Toronto Freedom Refiners blanked Mixed Marauders 3-0; David Kershner's hat trick sparked Toronto Freedom Miners to a 4-1 win over Toronto Freedom Plumbers; Rick Birken's goal lifted Toronto Freedom Ultis to a 2-2 tie against Canyon Flying Bagels; Lanny Abramson scored all five goals for Maccabiah Bruins as they tied Don Mills Princes 5-5; and Jeff Cohen had three goals and two assists and Stephen Baimel scored twice to lead Forrestdale Blades past Maccabiah Weiss Guys 9-1.

Blades lead the C Division standings with 18 points trailed by Miners (17), Princes (15), Refiners (14), Plumbers (8), Marauders (8), Ultis (8), Bruins (7), Flying Bagels (3) and Weiss Guys (2).

Top six clubs see post-season action.

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Coach Don [Doc] Lyons and defenceman David Kosoy are two members of the world champion Metro Oldtimers hockey club which traveled to Russia last week for a series of senior circuit exhibition games.

Oldtimers were to face a squad of players from the Soviet national team which took part in the historic 1972 Canada-Russia confrontation that made Paul Henderson's name a Canadian household word.

The Oldtimers, who have several former NHL stars on their roster including Dale Rolfe, goalie Al Smith and ex-Leafs Jim McKenny and Mike Walton, are scheduled to play eight games in Russia before returning home to defend their world title against top senior teams from around the globe in April.

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The B'nai B'rith basketball league's Leonard Mayzel A team suffered its first setback of the season last week losing 49-35 to Upper Canada A.

The defeat left Leonard Mayzel's record at 3-1 — still good enough for first place in the Division I standings.

Judea A currently tops the league's Division II rankings.

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Riding high in April, shot down in May.

Nobody could know better than Mordechai Spiegler, one-time captain of the Israeli national soccer team and now departed coach of Netanya Maccabi, last year's league champions, how true the words from the old song can be.

Spiegler's fall from grace took a little more than an off-season — not a month — but the sentiment applies. Netanya management accepted Spiegler's resignation earlier this month. He has been replaced by Arye Redler, another experienced former INSL player and coach.

Spiegler, who last month called for a meeting with club management after a 3-1 defeat to Hapoel Tel Aviv dropped Netanya to the bottom of the league standings, had seen his club stumble to only one win and three draws in nine outings this season.

While Netanya's high powered offence produced 15 goals in those contests, fourth best in the league, a porous defence surrendered 21 scores to lead all clubs in goals against.

As of two weeks ago, Hapoel Tel Aviv topped the 16-team INSL standings with an undefeated record of 6-3-0 for 21 points; Betar Jerusalem (5-4-0) followed with 19 points; Lod (4-3-2) and Betar Tel Aviv (5-0-4) had 15 each.

Maccabi Haifa (3-4-3) had 13; Beersheba, Maccabi Tel Aviv and Hakoah (3-3-3) were tied at 12; Shimshon (2-5-2) had 11; Yehud and Amidar (2-4-3) were deadlocked at 10; Jaffa (3-5-1) had 8; Maccabi Petach Tikvah and Bnei Yehuda (1-4-4) each had 7; and Netanya (1-3-5) trailed the pack with 6 points.

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Adopt-a-Refusenik provides lifeline to Canada

MONTREAL — Martin, a Canadian Jew, has been in touch with Sasha — a Refusenik. Natasha talks about her friends, the Schwartzes in Canada.

Increasing numbers of Soviet citizens trying to leave the USSR are finding lifelines through Canada Post, thanks to a new program called Adopt-a-Refusenik.

The program has been set up by the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry, a combined program of Congress and the Canadian Zionist Federation. (See also page 7.)

"This is a fantastic way to give much needed emotional support to Soviet Jews who have openly declared their desire to leave the Soviet Union," said Barbara Stern, chairman of the national committee.

"The adoption program," added Stern, "can work on several levels. It might be only written correspondence between you and your adopted family. However, it could be expanded to include seeking the help of members of Parliament, professional organizations or others on behalf of the Refuseniks."

Barbara Stern

Stern stressed that only those Refuseniks who have said that they wanted to receive letters are included in the program.

The Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry recently published a guide to help those who wish to write to Refuseniks. It includes a sample first letter, suggestions for non-controversial topics, and methods of writing addresses so that letters have a better chance of reaching the Refuseniks.

"It is not even important in which language you write," noted Stern. "Hebrew, English, Yiddish, Russian and French are all fine. The important point to remember is that merely receiving a short letter can boost the morale a thousand times. Some Refuseniks wait decades before they are permitted to leave the Soviet Union. It is important that they realize they are not alone."

The value of international support was also emphasized recently by Jeanette Goldman, chairman of the Ontario Region of the Committee for Soviet Jewry.

In a report covering the situation of Soviet Jewry and how it has changed between 1970 and 1983, she quoted from an appeal from separated families in the Soviet Union, received in Toronto at the beginning of November.

"We exist, we are here and we shall go on fighting. . . . Our lives have been mutilated and we do not want our children to inherit our fate. We fear for their future and wish that they be considered Israeli citizens. . . . We ask for our pleas to be made public," the appeal said in part.

Goldman suggested, in addition to the Adopt-a-Refusenik and bar/bat mitzvah twinning programs, using important dates such as Passover, Simchat Torah, and Human Rights Day as focuses for information programs.

She also suggested that MPs be contacted frequently, and that any who have visited the USSR be invited to describe their experiences.

If you wish to adopt a Refusenik family, write to the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry, 1590 ave. Docteur Penfield, Montreal, H3G 1C5, (514-931-7531) or to the Ontario Region, 4600 Bathurst St., Willowdale, Ont. M2R 3V2 (416-635-2883).

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